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Cheap mortgages proposed to widen home ownership

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Proposals for cut-price mortgages to help council tenants and young people buy their flats and houses will be contained in a Treasury discussion document, expected to be published next month.

Mr Peter Rees, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, has told Mr Richard Ryder, Conservative MP for Mid-Norfolk, that the Green Paper on the future of building societies "will include proposals for certain *improvements in societies'* ability to compete for savings and in lending for house purchase".

The Prime Minister said in an interview on Radio 4's *The World This Weekend* yesterday that more widespread home ownership was one of the main targets for the next five years of her administration.

"I want every person in Britain to be a sort of man of property. There's a very exciting five years ahead. Mrs Thatcher concluded the interview: "I want everyone to be a man of property; that's the way we'll get *one nation*."

If the building societies are to meet the demand for increased mortgages on the scale suggested by the Prime Minister, then changes will have to be made to help them attract funds.

The building societies have asked the Government for permission to diversify into banking, estate agency and legal services such as conveyancing.

The Treasury has acted to ensure more equal tax treatment of banks and building societies, and some MPs see the moves as the forerunner of a liberalization of building society controls.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said in his Budget statement that banks and building societies competed in the same market for personal deposits.

"I believe that they should be able to do so on more equal terms as far as tax is concerned." It is thought that the Green Paper will mark the next stage.

But the Green Paper is also expected to suggest specific ideas for improving society savings and lending.

Mr Christopher Hawkins, the Conservative MP for High Peak and an economist who converted Mrs Thatcher to selling council houses, has proposed that building societies should be allowed to attract high-rate taxpayers' savings with unlimited index-linked stock.

Mr Hawkins also wants the development of a low-start *mortgage to give people such as* council tenants the incentive to buy their houses and flats.

He is proposing index-linked mortgages, payments for which would start low and rise, every year, by the rate of inflation. He says that such a mortgage might mean that a council tenant could buy a house for as little as £10 a week, compared with the average rent of £14.

But Mr Hawkins, who is advising the Nationwide Building Society on his scheme, is strongly opposed to allowing building societies to turn into banks.

"If that happened they would end up lending for motor bikes instead of home-buying. Besides, can you imagine it – two dozen banks in every high street?"

Mrs Thatchers'. interview, indicated that the political will for reform is very powerful. Sales of council houses have driven a strong inroad into traditional Labour Party support and the Prime Minister wants that pursued to the limit.

The appointment of Mr Ian Gow, her former parliamentary private secretary, as Minister of Housing, is regarded as a key move; ensuring that sales are pushed ahead by all possible means.

The rented sector accounts for 45 per cent of the market. It has diminished dramatically over the past 70 years, partly because of restrictions on landlords' returns.

But it is thought that if cut-rate mortgage were introduced then by the end of the century the rented sector could fall to 20 per cent.

The last Conservative general election manifesto spoke of building "a home-owning democracy". "No less than half a million council houses and flats were sold, in the last Parliament to the people who live in them."

It also said: "There are a million more owner occupiers today than four years ago."



Sterling effort: One of twelve Midland Bank workers walking down to the City yesterday from more than 300ft up in Fenchurch Street to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society. (Photograph: Chris Harris).

Thatcher seeking disarmament role

The Prime Minister said yesterday that she believed the Soviet Union wanted a disarmament agreement with the West and that strenuous efforts should be made to restart negotiations (Our Polictical Correspondent writes).

Mrs Thatcher said in a BBC radio interview: "what strikes me very much about the present generation who are in charge in the Kremlin is that they are still the generation who remember the last war.

"Now the Soviet Union suffered enormously during the last war, lost 20 million people. To me, that mean one thing; anyone who's been through that would never think conventional war was comfortable, it was terrible.

"Anyone who's been through that, let alone a nuclear war will, I believe, want to struggle to get an agreement with the West.

"And it seems to me that while they are still there, while they are still in charge, a few more years yet, and while also you've got at the moment someone in the United States of a similar generation, a similar memory, we might really make a stupendous effort to get disarmament talks going to achieve a satisfactory result. There is an opportunity."

Mrs Thatcher also hinted that Britin had a special role to play in bringing the Soviet Union and the United States together.

She said: "We in Britain have somehing special, something which I think no one else has got. Yes, we are close to the United States. We are by history: this Government, this people, is very pro-American."

She defended the decision to invite Mr P. W. Botha, the South African Prime Minister, to Britain, saying that dialogue with the Soviet Union or with South Africa did not imply support for domestic policies.

She said: "I hope we can influence him. I hope we can hear some more things that they are doing to increase the opportunities for all of the people in South Africa and try to get rid of the apartheid system which we do not like, and which we condemn, and which we will continue to condemn."

Asked whether she would tell Mr Botha of her disapproval of apartheid, Mrs Thatcher replied: "Of course."

The Prime Minister also sparked off something of a mystery during her interview, when she explained why there could be no inquiry into intelligence operations before the Libyan Peoples Bureau shooting.

She said that intelligence was destroyed by public knowledge and that the Franks Inquiry into the pre-Falklands intelligence operation had been unique.

"There was something said in the House at the beginning of the Falklands campaign, by someone who knew a bit about intelligence, which was totally and utterly devastating in the amount which it gave away to those against whom the intelligence was directed.

"The moment you say too much the sources dry up", she added.

To meet: Thatcher and Botha

Boom in oil surpasses expectation

By David Young
Energy Correspondent

Official confirmation that North Sea oil will provide Britain's economy and its industries with the base on which to build well into the next century will be announced this week.

A detailed examination of oil reserves in the North Sea has convinced the Government that the second North Sea boom predicted by Mrs Thatcher last September when she officially inaugurated the BP Magnus field may have been underestimated.

The Department of Energy is to announce that there is more oil than was at first thought in some North Sea fields and that industry is about to benefit from a new wave of investment.

Esso will spend £4.5m in Britain until 1990 and BP has announced plans to spend £1.3bn in one North Sea investment, which alone will create 7,000 new jobs.

This year will be record one for North Sea drilling and a study carried out for Shell UK shows that British industry could benefit by as much as £60bn from the second wave of North Sea spending.

Shell UK has announced a £550m investment. Marathon Oil will follow its £1bn investment in the Brae field with a similar amount for the North Brae field and the ninth round of North Sea licences is under consideration.

In addition the Department of Energy's Offshore Supplies Office has steered British companies supplying the oil industry towards potentially large export contracts in China, Australia and India.

The southern sector of the North Sea is this week, as one oil company described, "crowded with oil rigs".

In the Northern sector, fields have been reassessed and enhanced recovery techniques are being developed to extract more oil from fields now in production. The Government has already said that the 1985 Budget will give oil companies the financial encouragement they need to pursue the development of these techniques.

Queen to miss service

The Queen is not to attend the Westminster Abbey service next Wednesday to launch the contversial Christian Heritage Year, a private venture supported by the English Tourist Board and financed by the private religious charity, the Trinity Trust.

The Heritage Year has been attacked in church circles as "tourism with a halo" and "ecclesiastical jingoism", and it appears that the Palace may have been advised by Lambeth Palace and 10 Downing Street that it would be impolitic for the Queen to attend.

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Mondale romps home in Texas

From Christopher Thomas, Laredo, Texas

Mr Walter Mondale romped home in the Texas caucuses at the weekend and the Rev Jesse Jackson scored a remarkable victory in the Louisiana primary. Senator Gary Hart's longshot campaign for the Democratic presidential nomination now looks decidedly ragged.

Even though the peculiar Texas caucus system worked against Mr Hart on Saturday, the size of his defeat was especially depressing to his campaign managers. A sampling of about a fifth of the 6,600 precinct caucuses gave Mr Mondale 53 per cent, Mr Hart 27 per cent, and Mr Jackson 12 per cent. The remainder were uncommitted.

In Louisiana, Mr Jackson's victory came just days after winning the District of Columbia. In predominantly black New Orleans he won by nearly three to one over Mr Hart and Mr Mondale combined. The result gives 27 delegates to Mr Jackson, 18 to Mr Hart and 11 to Mr Mondale.

Mr Jackson predicted that soon only he and Mr Mondale would be left in the race. "This is a victory for the boats stuck at the bottom."

He campaigned vigorously in Texas and appears to have captured more Hispanic votes than Mr Hart.

The unofficial delegate count is as follows, the winning figure is 1,967.

Mr Mondale	1,228
Mr Hart	664
Mr Jackson	236
Uncommitted	350
Others	58

Texas sends 200 delegates to the national convention, the third biggest delegation. Of the 169 at stake on Saturday, computer predictions gave 81 to Mr Mondale. "It is one of the biggest wins we have had," he said "It compares with our victory in New York. It is very important."

Even though Mr Mondale is obviously the front-runner, with about double the number of delegates captured by Mr Hart, he refuses to accept the title. "There's still a long way to go."

The next big battles are tomorrow, when Ohio,

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Toy gun 'surprise' for Pope in South Korea

By Our Foreign Staff

A Korean student who told police he wanted to "surprise" the Pope by firing a toy cap pistol at his motorcade was facing psychiatric examination under police guard yesterday.

The South Korean Government expressed formal regrets to the Vatican over the incident yesterday morning.

The young man abruptly jumped from a pavement crowded with spectators in central Seoul and ran toward the Popemobile. Witnesses told police he fired the cap pistol once or twice before he was subdued by security guards.

Police identified the man as Lee Joon Kyu, aged 23, a student at Seoul's Myung Ji University, a protestant school.

They said he had no record of political activity, but has a three-year history of mental instability

They changed this account after interviewing four witnesses who were at the scene. Choi demonstrated the cap pistol for reporters and photographers.

In the industrial city of Taegu yesterday, the Pope ordained 38 priests in a ceremony before 80,000 people. He told the new priests to work for the poor, alienated and oppressed.

"Do not let yourselves be deceived by other messages, even if they are proclaimed in the name of Christ", he said.

A Vatican source told Reuter that the Pope could have been referring to priests who support guerrillas in such countries as the Philippines and El Salvador, and his message could be applied also to some priests in South Korea who have been supporting dissidents.

Dispute over test-tube 'quads'

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Britain's first test-tube quadruplets have been born into an extraordinary dispute in which the hospital team responsible for the births has been strongly critized by the pioneer of *in vitro* fertilization, Mr Patrick Steptoe. He said yesterday that methods used to achieve the births were "bordering on the unethical".

The babies, three girls and a boy, were born at the Hammersmith Hospital, London, last week, to Mrs Janice Smale, aged 31, as a result of six embryos being implanted in her womb. The announcement of the births was delayed until yesterday because of a financial arrangement involving the mother, the hospital, and a national Sunday newspaper.

Mr Steptoe, who with Dr Robert Edwards enabled the world's first test-tube baby to be born six years ago, restricted the number of embryos implanted in women at their clinic at Bourn Hall, Cambridge, to three. Yesterday Mr Steptoe said: "I don't think we should be proud of the births of quadruplets.

"There are obstetrical and social risks involved in these multiple pregnancies and this team (at Hammersmith) does not have sufficient knowledge, information or experience to justify what they have done."

The senior consultant in charge of Mrs Smale at the hospital, Mr Robert Winston, responded angrily to the criticisms and said yesterday: "I think our position is rather more ethical than is displayed at Bourn Hall. We implanted all these embryos because the patient wanted them. She knew there was a risk of a multiple pregnancy but she wanted to maximize the chances of a pregnancy.

"They were her embryos. Unlike Bourn Hall, we do not carry out research on embryos or freeze them for later use."

Mrs Smale, of Guildford, Surrey, already has three children but was sterilized ten years ago. She has been married twice and is living apart from her second husband, pending divorce, and lives with the father of the quads, Mr Denis Smale. Eggs from Mrs Smale were fertilized by sperm donated by Mr Smale.

"Mrs Smale was delighted when she knew she was going to have quads and she remains very happy now that they have been born," Mr Winston said yesterday. He acknowledged that he would have preferred a single pregnancy to quadraplets, but insisted he was justified in implanting six embryos.

However, Mr Steptoe described as "simplistic" the approach in which more embryos were transferred into the womb from *in vitro* fertilization to enhance the chances of a

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No entry to France without passport

By David Hewson

France announced an abrupt ending yesterday of the 24-year-old agreement allowing Britons into the country for up to 60 hours without a passport, offending the Foreign Office and upsetting cross-Channel ferry companies which carry shoppers and day visitors to the Continent without full passports.

The decision will not affect the ability of French citizens to enter Britain without passports. Their Government-issued identity cards will still be accepted by British immigration officials

But British nationals, who in the past have been able to fill in identity forms provided by the ferry companies, will have to carry a standard British passport, or a one-year visitor's passport which now costs £7.50 a year.

The Foreign Office was surprised by the rapid breakdown of talks with the French about the issue last week. The discussions began last year when French immigration officers had turned back 700 black Britons using the ferry company's identity cards. Both sides had been looking for a new compromise agreement which, in the words of the Foreign Office, would preserve "cheap and easy cross-Channel travel".

But the two parties were unable to agree a joint statement last week, and gave warning that the French intended to announce the ending of the agreement at midday yesterday. The Foreign Office, with the Home Office, revealed the breakdown a few hours earlier and said that it was "very much regretted".

The ferry companies will meet for Foreign Office tomorrow to discuss ways of reintroducing passport-free cross-Channel trips, but there is little optimism that a scheme can be found which will prove attractive to the French authorities.

The French Government said, in a communiqué, that it was seeking to improve border controls in an attempt to stop clandestine immigration. Is now considered it "indispensable" that British tourist bear official papers certifying their nationality. As Britain, unlike France, dose not issue government identity cards, it appears that the only solution acceptable to the French authorities is the production of full passports.

The Foreign Office had offered to tighten up the operation of the ferry company identity card schemes. It had agreed that no-passport crossings should be limited to British citizens, and proposed that cards should be issued by the companies, carrying a personal declaration of citizenship by the bearer stamped by a British immigration offical.

Britain is the only country to which the new ruling applies as all other EEC countries issue their citizens with identity cards which certify their nationality.

Labour council threatens Edinburgh Festival

The future of the Edinburgh Festival is in jeopardy after a threat by the city's new Labour council to withdraw its subsidy.

It has accused the festival of being too elitist and failing to cater for ordinary people.

The city's first Labour administration, elected with an overall majority of six last week, claimed that bringing internationally famous companies such as Milan's La Scala opera or the Moscow State Ballet, benefits only a few.

It wants its £560,000 a year contribution spent on more community-oriented events. Otherwise the money will be used to improve cleansing facilities and housing, it says. This year's festival programme is secure, however, because it was underwritten by the last administration.

The Labour group leader, Mr Alex Wood, said: "We shall maintain funding provided the emphasis on high cost, high status events is changed. We also want the festival to be taken out to the people and away from the expensive city centre venues."

The council also intends to scrap plans to build a £14m theatre to replace the city's inadequate King's Theatre which is used for performances by the main companies visiting the festival.

The council also want to curtail the city's ceremonial role. Until now Edinburgh has been the only setting for state visits hosted by the Queen outside London. Under the new regime the ceremonial office of Lord Provost and his ancient ceremonial officers, the High Constables, are likely to go.

The 38-year-old festival is funded equally by the city and the Scottish Arts Council, which is reviewing its grants policy and would be unable to absorb the extra expense if the city pulls out.

It is understood that the festival director, Mr Frank Dunlop, has held talks with Labour councillors but no festival officers were prepared to comment.

It is also likely that the council will pull out of the military tattoo steering committee as a gesture of sympathy to the "peace movement".

The leader of the former ruling Conservative group, Mr Ralph Brereton, said: "The international festival has been a deliberate exercise to bring the world's best in music, drama, opera and ballet here to Scotland.

"But the extreme left do not like that. They want community events, they want a little local festival with school plays and street theatre in the outskirts, like 47 other towns in Britain."

The chairman of the Scottish Arts Council, Mr Alan Devereux, described the council's stance as bizarre. He said Edinburgh earns £110m from tourism every year.

● Southampton's new Labour administration celebrated yesterday by [illegible]ging the floodlights o[illegible] [illegible] port's most distincti[illegible] [illegible]dmark to red.

Since [illegible] end of the Second World [illegible] the 160ft clock tower [illegible] the civic centre has been b[illegible]ed in blue every night

Prior expected to begin talks in Ulster on partnership government

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Mr James Prior is expected to begin talks with political parties in Northern Ireland, probably this week, to discuss an initiative to encourage some partnership government.

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is likely to sound out their views on ideas, described as at a formative stage, for progress now that the New Ireland Forum has reported.

He hopes for talks with Dublin this summer and Mrs Thatcher said that the search for an arrangement to suit both sides would continue. "You cannot do it just by being English or British alone, there is an Irish aspect to this".

The muted response from Unionist leaders to the forum's findings and recent signs of flexibility have encouraged officials.

It has been thought talks would be delayed until after next month's EEC elections, but now it is seen as desirable to begin discussions in case the hustings force people into intransigent positions.

As part of his strategy, Mr Prior is trying to persuade the Social Democratic and Labour Party to enter the almost moribund Northern Ireland Assembly, while looking at a form of partnership government combining executive control with administrative devolution.

He is considering looking at a joint authority with the Irish Republic in agriculture, tourism and ecomomic development in border areas. A joint advisory body on security is being discussed, along with a parliamentary tier to the Anglo-Irish council, to which joint authorities would report.

Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Republic's Prime Minister, appeared to emphasize yesterday the advantages of joint authority by accepting in a television interview that it might mean continued British sovereignty over Northern Ireland.

"The question of joint authority and joint sovereignty are different. You could have joint authority exercised with sovereignty resting in the United Kingdom at the present time or in the future in an Irish state if there was consent to a change of sovereignty."

Under such a system, the electorate in Northern Ireland could send MPs to Westminster or the Dail. Dr FitzGerald said there was no reason why there would have to be a referendum on joint authority because it was not a matter of sovereignty and did not affect the constitutional guarantee given to Northern Ireland by Britain. He insisted that it would be desirable to secure concensus as any solution "must have durability if it is to work".

Although there is much interest in official circles at a joint authority, the Prime Minister and officials emphasized that there is no constitutional change unless a majority agree. Great emphasis is being placed on ensuring that Unionists "feel safe" in continued British link, but even so apparent speed with wich Mr Prior wants to move is causing concern.

Unionists fear that by starting talks before June he will inflame a situation they had hoped to keep calm until after the election.

They are also dismissive of joint authority, beleiving it to be the thin edge of the wedge. A leading Unionist said: "Joint authority is a cover name for joint sovereignty. Talks this early could have the effect of sending everyone back into their political trenches and it takes at least a year to get over it".

Meanwhile, the Government is likely to continue with what it considers a low-key approach of giving more recognition to the nationalist identity, with continued speculation that it might legalize flying of the Tricolour.

● The Prime Minister said yesterday during *The World This Weekend* Radio 4 programme that the Government would go on trying to fashion initiatives acceptable to both sides of the Ulster community.

"If you look at the numbers of people in your security forces who have given their lives for this, if you look at the numbers of deaths in Northern Ireland, you look at the terrorism and you think: 'This can't go on forever.' Therefore, we must find something."

Poles send team to break into coal market

By Our Labour Reporter

As the pit strike enters its ninth week a top-level trade delegation from Poland is due to arrive in what is thought to be an "opportunist" attempt to sell coal.

Poland, which has a contract already to sell the British Steel Corporation a grade of coke which the National Coal Board could not offer, is now trying to break into the long-term domestic market.

It is feared that wholesalers will agree to three-year contracts with Poland in order to replenish stocks depleted since the miners started their overtime ban last November.

The coal board feels that this will undermine its ability to fulfil its promise to the National Union of Mineworkers to maintain a given productive capacity and may create an extra threat to jobs.

Mr Bill Sirs, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation, said yesterday that his members would use whatever fuel their employers could obtain to keep the blast furnaces and coke ovens going at Ravenscraig, Scunthorpe and Llanwern.

Interviewed on *The World This Weekend* on radio, he said: "Our job is to use material provided by our employer. It is not our job to intervene in any picketing with which we are not involved.

"My people have no intention of letting this industry fall back into the position it was in when Mr Macgregor was with us."

The strike could produce fresh violence today at Ravenscraig works, near Glasgow, where a mass bank holiday picket is expected.

Miners are hoping however that a threat yesterday by the Transport and General Workers' Union to withdraw union cards from drivers defying picket lines will substantially reduce the 130 lorry loads of coal a day breaching the barricade.

In south Wales miners' leaders meet representatives of their members in coke-making plants tomorrow to persuade them to release supplies to the blast furnaces at Llanwern.

The cokemen's attempt at the weekend to block deliveries to the works failed as several train loads were moved from Port Talbot, 30 miles away with the agreement of miners' leaders, and representatives of the steel and rail unions.

● The Prime Minister, also interviewed on *The World This Weekend*, said that there was no chance of government intervention in the dispute. "In a free society people must be presumed to intend the consequences of their own action. They must know that if they go on strike, it is going to cost them jobs," she said.

The coal board disclosed that it had received 2,000 inquiries about voluntary redundancy payments through its telephone answering service in Northumberland and Durham. It intends to extend the idea to other coalfields.



In the saddle: Mounted police at Ravenscraig steel works (Photograph: Duncan Baxter).

Picket-line police rely on horses

The use of mounted police for crowd control is the mainstay of the Strathclyde force's tactics to control miners' pickets. Any large number of pickets outside the Ravenscraig steel works in Motherwell today is likely to be met again by mounted officers.

The force has demonstrated that the size and bulk of horses *en masse* deter and make it easier to restain unruly crowds. The tactics have been developed over a number of years through the control of football crowds.

Five years ago four mounted officers, one a woman, executed a charge at the gallop with batons to separate fighting Celtic and Rangers suporters during a Cup Final riot in Glasgow.

Last week a dozen mounted officers, two of them women, were used to stop up to 200 pickets from interfering with the flow of coal lorries into Ravenscraig. A number of miners were injured slightly after being kicked by horses.

The National Union of Minworkers is angry at the tactics and claims that serious injury is inevitable if they are continued. A picket said: "You know the expression: 'riding roughshod over someone' – well that's what is happening here – literally".

Until 10 years ago the mounted division was open only to men. Women are now treated as equals.

TUC leader supports 'no-strike' unions

By Barrie Clements Labour Reporter

Mr Len Murray, retiring general secretary of the TUC, has sent a confidential letter to labour movement leaders in support of unions signing highly controversial "no-strike" agreements. He has made it clear that unions agreeing to binding arbitration have a right to autonomy over their own deals with employers.

The letter, sent to the Wales TUC, does not condone such arrangements, which are anathema to both left-wingers and traditional trade unionists, but neither does it express disapproval.

On being asked by trade union leaders for a TUC view on the deals, he has written to say that all such controversies should be dealt with through the labour movement's disputes procedure and that it is not the function of Congress House, or its Welsh counterpart, to comment.

The reply will give succour to the right-wing led Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union, which hs been a pioneer in the field and also to officials of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, who have declared their readiness to sign such a deal with Nissan, the Japanese car company setting up a pilot plant in Washington, Durham.

It will also form part of a full-blooded dispute at the TUC congress in September where there will almost certainly be calls from left-wingers for the expulsion of the electricians' union or any other union which dares to sell what is regarded as the birthright of the movement.

There is a strong feeling among some senior trade union leaders that they would be prepared to "poach" members from the electricians' union in defiance of the so-called Bridlington accord on the subject. As one union leader put it to *The Times*: "We may very well start a membership campaign with the slogan: Join us, EETUP's joined management."

What has amounted to a "cold war" in the labour movement, burst into open conflict at the Wales TUC last weekend.

Electricians' leaders were accused of selling civil rights in return for increased membership especially at high technology companies such as the state-backed Inmos at Newport.

Mr Wyn Bevan, a member of the national executive of EETPU, accused "five major unions" represented at the conference of hyprocrisy. They had all signed such deals but refused to acknowledge the fact.

But Mr Bevan was opposed by one of the most prominent left-wingers on the TUC General Council. Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, general secretary of the National Union of Pubic Employees, said: "The Government want to ban industrial action completely in essential services. We do not want other groups paving the way for Tory plans by signing 'sweetheart' agreements with employers.

Clash at Sinn Fein ceremony

Four armed and masked members of the Irish National Liberation Army were ejected from the headquarters of Provisional Sinn Fein in west Belfast at a ceremony yesterday to commemorate the deaths of Bobby Sands and nine other hunger strikers (Richard Ford writes).

The men, dressed in combat uniform with black balaclava helmets were pushed out of the gates of Connolly House after being greeted with wild cheers when they marched through a crowd of several hundred. At first it was thought they were members of the Provisional IRA but when it became clear they were from INLA, leaders of Provisional Sinn Fein shoved and barged them away.

The four men were protesting at Provisional Sinn Fein refusal to allow the Irish Republican Socialist Party, Political wing of INLA, to share the platform during the ceremony commemorating the hunger strikers' deaths in 1981.

A rally was later addressed by Mr Danny Morrison, a Provisional Sinn Fein European election candidate, after a march along the Falls Road.

Mr Morrison said that the hunger strike had not been the Provisional IRA's last card but he insisted that the Provisional Sinn Fein's electoral interventions alone would not defeat "British imperialism".

He said that Britain could not ignore the force of Provisional Sinn Fein and that nationalist people would not stop until there was British withdrawal

● An IRA escape plan was uncovered at Magilligan Prison, Londonderry, when a prison officer found details written on two cigarette papers (the Press Association reports).

Hardship bites in 'class war'

By Rupert Morris

On a piece of wasteland between a housing estate and the railway line to Goldthorpe colliery in South Yorkshire, there is a shelf in the hillside where a seam of coal is partially exposed. It was made by miners digging for coal to keep their home fires burning during the national pit strikes of 1972 and 1974.

The seam has been freshly dug as striking miners and their families returned to the seam. Others go to the open-cast mine at night and pick pieces of coal from the slag heaps.

In relative terms, the striking miners are worse off than they were 10 or 12 years ago. Single men have to live on whatever their families can provide, or friends can lend them.

Those men who have to support wives and families are arguably worst off. Although they can claim £21.45 a week supplementary benefit for dependant partner, plus between £9.15 and £16.50 per child, depending on age, a clause in the Employment Act (which came into force last November) means that £15 is deducted by the state as an assumed rate of strike pay.

The National Union of Mineworkers is not paying strike pay. With its 183,000 membership, any significant payout would soon bankrupt the union.

This new development has incesed people like Mr "Inky" Thomson, a member of the union's Yorkshire executive. "If I were a convicted murderer, a rapist, robber, or mugger my wife would get supplementary benefit, which is the subsistence level, and the state would feed me. But because I chose to withdraw my labour, I can't even get that."

Mr Joseph Howell, aged 35, a face worker with a wife and two children, who normally takes home about £100 a week, can claim only an extra £5.30 in supplementary benefit. He gets £13 a week family benefit. He gets £13 a week family benefit, but the fact that his wife has a part-time job, which brings in £10.80 a week, means that after the £15 deduction for national strike pay, he gets nothing for her.

Another face worker Mr Meltyn Latham, aged 36, who has a wife and three children, considers himself relatively well off because he can get £23.50 a week in supplementary benefit. He was relieved when the bank agreed to freeze the loan he is paying on his house.

Such men and their families would be in desperate circumstances if it were not for the free meals offered at working men's clubs, plus the one meal a day – usually heavily reliant on potatoes – which their wives usually provide.

Party organization: 1

SDP forced to cut its cloth

The 1983 general election, with its landslide Tory majority, produced particularly traumatic shockwaves for the Alliance and Labour. ANTHONY BEVINS, Political Correspondent, describes how each of the party organisations has reacted. Today: The Alliance.

The Social Democratic Party has lost about 25 per cent of its members since the heady political surge of 1982.

Mr Dick Newby, the party's national secretary, says that the present membership level of about 50,000 is critical and that if the decline continues then the party's very existence could be threatened.

"Up until the Falklands we were getting members coming in at a reasonable rate", he says. "Then, over a period of two or three weeks, the rate of recruitment halved. It was quite extraordinary."

He sees membership recruitment as his prime task. "The thing that obsesses me is that we know people will join if they are asked. There is a lot to be said for having a sort of Chinese 'intellectuals - to - the - countryside' campaign, with all of us going out and running recruitment drives."

But with fewer members providing a shrinking budget, the party has fewer professionals at its impressive headquarters in Cowley Street, Westminster, to mobilize such a campaign.

The party is hoping to receive abut £500,000 from membership subscriptions this year, but Mr Newby says: "It is barely adequate to run a national political party. It does not provide enough troops to do the work that we really ought to do."

Economies have therefore been made. The number of full-time staff has been cut from 53 to 28, the top floor of the headquartwers building has been let, the campaign unit has been disbanded. English regional offices in Birmingham, Bristol and Manchester have been closed.

There is some irony, therefore, that decentralization has become the keynote of Liberal Party organization.

But Mr John Spiller, the Liberals' new secretary-general, sees no contradiction; rather, he expects distinct economic and political advantages in greater specialization and less duplication of effort for the Alliance parties.

Since he took over six months ago, staff at party headquarters, off Whitehall, has been cut by more than 40 per cent, from 31 to 18.

The fund-raising department, which was losing money, was cut by four full-time staff, and the communications department ("its role was never really defined") also lost four people.

The overall staff saving, on an annual budget of between £350,000 and £400,000, is put at about £100,000. That money will be used to finance a professional structure of English regional organizers.

But post-election change has not stopped there. Mr Spiller is scathing about party decision-making processes: solving prohlems by piling committee upon committee. "We have swept aside 10 committees so far." An inquiry is being held into the size and responsibilities of the party's governing executive and council.

Membership, of between 150,000 and 170,000 on rough estimates, appears to cause little worry. Mr Spiller is far more concerned about elections.

He points out that with a House of Commons containing 113 MPs aged 60 and over, the Alliance could face the prospect of up to two dozen by-election contests in the present Parliament.

Tomorrow: Labour

Army studies privatizing back-up services

By Rodney Cowton, Defence Correspondent

The Army is examining to what extent privatization's back-up services can help to release about 5,000 men for front-line duties.

The studies, known as "A Lean Look" were initiated some months ago by General Sir John Stanier, Chief of the General Staff.

The areas being examined include educational, veterinary and legal services; the Royal Army Pay Corps and some aspects of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers' work.

Studies are believed to suggest that benefits from privatization may be limited in catering, physical training, the chaplain's department and helicopter pilot training.

Other economies being examined by the Ministry of Defence include the elimination of duplication between the Army, the Royal Navy and RAF. To some extent medical and dental services are likely to be put on a tri-service footing, as is the training of musicians.

However, these steps essentially relate to activity most remote from front-line units, and the closer an activity is to the front-line the less scope is seen for privatization, and the more likely that activities will remain in the hands of services.

Parallel with "A Lean Look" another review, "A Sharp Sword", is being carried out of Army command and headquarter structures.

One element is to remove duplication of the headquarters of the British Army of the Rhine and of I Corps, its main fighting force.

It was being emphasized in London yesterday that any reduction in army manpower in Germany was likely to be extremely small, and the army's fighting power would be more likely to be strengthened than weakened.

One purpose of providing more troops for operational units is to make those units better able to use advanced equipment.

The review's second element is to remove what Mr Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, calls "the dual hierarchies" at the top of the Army.

One is formed by the Chief of the General Staff and his commanders-in-chief and the other by the Director of Infantry, Director of Royal Artillery and the Engineer-in-Chief.

That is likely to lead to a reduction in the number or status of directors.

Decisions from "A Sharp Sword" and "A Lean Look" are not expected until late in the year.

● Plans to develop the Polaris submarine and missile bases at Faslane and Coulport on the Firth of Clyde are to be revealed by the Ministry of Defence on May 16.

Major improvements will be needed to accommodate Trident submarines and missiles.

£3.4m for benefactors' collection

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

The contents of Mrs Charles Wrightsman's Palm Beach home were auctioned by Sotheby's on Saturday in New York for £3.4m, with hardly an item left unsold.

Mr and Mrs Charles Wrightsman were great collectors of eighteenth century French art in the three decades after the Second World War and were the greatest benefactors of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

The museum's Wrightsman's rooms are supplied with superb furniture, paintings, carpets and objets d'art, while the rest of the collection ornamented their homes in New York, London and Palm Beach.

The Wrightsman name attached to furniture is prized in the United States, and Sotheby's sale room was packed with private collectors. They paid three or four times Sotheby's high estimates on same items.

The star lot was a pair of Louis XV ormolu-mounted kingwood parquetry console tables, set with drawers framed in ormolu and topped with Aleppo marble at $352,000 or £246,153 (estimate $150,000 to $200,000).

They may have been made for the Dauphin as a pair of tables fitting this description were delivered to him, according to the diary of a leading merchant, M Lazare Duvaux.

A Louis XV small ormalu-mounted library table by Pierre Garnier in purplewood and satinwood parquetry sold for an astonishing $259,500 or £188,461 (estimate $50,000 to $60,000) to another American collector. While French artistry in ormalu (gilded bronze) was celebrated by a pair of firedogs attributed to Charles Cressent, which sold for $132,000 or £92,307 (estimate $40,000 to $60,000) to a European collector. Each has a sphinx seated on a scrolling swag of ormalu; one clutches a monkey, the other a kitten. Such a pair was described in Cressent's own home when it was catalogued for a forced sale in 1757.

Daley Thompson faces inquiry on Fabergé deal

By Robin Young

Daley Thompson, the world, Olympic and Commonwealth decathlon champion, faces an investigation into his financial affairs which, it is claimed, could infringe his amateur status and lead to him being barred from the Olympic Games in Los Angeles this July.

The *Sunday People* gave details yesterday of an alleged £105,000 contract with Fabergé, an international toiletries concern. That contract was said to be outside an agreement with the company which had been approved by the British Amateur Athletics Board, whose trust fund would take 15 per cent of the athlete's £45,000 fee.

Mr Nigel Cooper, the secretary of the British Amateur Athletics Board, refused to comment yesterday on the allegations.



Daley Thompson: "Let them have an inquiry."

Mr Thompson, speaking from California, said last night: "I do not deal with anything to do with the contracts. I just get on with the athletics, but if I beat Carl Lewis in the 100 metres in Modesto next week, perhaps I should start doing my own contracts too."

The feeling in British athletic circles last night was extremely sceptical that allegations in the *Sunday People* would lead to a ban on Daley Thompson competing in the Olympics. Trust fund arrangements have been made so that athletes could legitimately accept sponsorship without losing their amateur status.

The *Sunday People* report alleges that the secret £105,000 contract, discovered by a private investigator, is between Fabergé and a company called Hillreach of Hongkong. It was set up on the instructions of Thompson's agent, Mr Peter Charles. Shares in Hillreach are held by two nominee companies, one in Panama and the other in Hongkong.

The *People* acknowledged that these arrangements were perfectly legal, and would mean that shareholders in Hillreach could remain anonymous, and that it would be impossible to find out what payments the company made to anyone.

Dispute by lecturers

More than 70,000 lecturers in England and Wales are to be asked to "black" teaching jobs advertised by Gwent County Council in South Wales. The move comes in the wake of a dispute over working conditions offered to 400 further and higher education lecturers at six colleges in the county.

The National Association of Teachers in further and higher education, says some Gwent lecturers have been told they will be dismissed in the autumn for failing to accept alternative contracts

Colleges in Ebbw Vale, Pontypool, Newport, and Crosskeys, Gwent, are among those affected. The spokesman said strike action might become necessary now that the Wales TUC had intervened

Karpov holds advantage in shared lead

By Harry Golombek Chess Correspondent

At the end of round nine in the Phillips & Drew GLC Kings Tournament at County Hall in London, the lead was shared by the two Russian grandmasters, Karpov and Polugaievsky, who each had 6½ points. But in an ajourned game against Seirawan Karpov has some winning chances and could go into the lead by one point.

The most important game of round eight on Saturday was between the world champion and Viktor Korchnio, the first time for some years that Korchnoi, have met in a tournament. It proved disappointing as a struggle as Korchnio was out of form and lost in 38 moves

Round eight results Timman ½, Polugaievsky ½ Sicilian Defence, 47 moves. Nunn 0 Vaganian 1, Alekhine's Defence, 40 moves. Andersson ½, Miles ½, English Opening, 32 moves; Karpov 1, Korchnoi 0, QP Grunfeld, 38 moves. Chandler 1, Speelman 0, French Defence, 30 moves. Ribli ½, Mestel ½, QP King's Indian Defence, 43 moves; Torre adjourned against Seirawan Queen's gambit accepted, 41 moves

Round nine results Speelman ½, Timman ½, Queen's gambit accepted, 22 moves; Vaganian adjourned against Andersson English Opening, 41 moves. Miles adjourned against Chandler QGB semi-Tarrasch Defence, 40 moves; Seirawan adjourned against Karpov Catalan System, 42 moves. Korchnoi 1, Nunn 0, QP Benoni Defence, 41 moves; Polugaievsky ½, Ribli ½, QGD semi Tarrasch Defence 24 moves Mestel adjourned against Torre Quy Lopez, 43 moves

Adjourned games results round five, Miles ½, Torre ½, 65 moves; round seven: Speelman ½, Andersson ½, 50 moves

The leading scorers are Karpov 6½ and one adjourned Polugaievsky 6½, Chandler 6 and one adjourned Seirawan 5 and two adjourned, Vaganian 5 and one adjourned and Timman 5.

Britons 'to be released'

The Foreign Office has written to the families of 16 Britons kidnapped by Unita guerrillas telling them that next week's visit by a British envoy to Unita's base in Angola will lead to the their immediate release (Richard Dowden writes).

The letter, signed Mr Geoffrey Livesey, head of the Angola desk, says that "the envoy will take with him any letters the families have sent to me" and that he will be in contact again when there are more details about the release.

It is understood that two of the men Mr Budd Sanders and Mr Ken Moffat, both from Hereford, are employees of Defence Systems International, a Middle-East based company.

The company employed by Daimang, the Angolan mining company ostensibly to help curb diamond smuggling is prepared for an attack by guerillas.

Penhaligon to seek Liberal presidency

The Liberal MP for Truro in Cornwall, Mr David Penhaligon, said yesterday that he intends to seek election as the party's president. The position has never been held by a sitting MP.

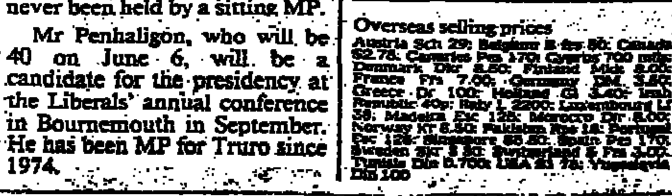
Mr Penhaligon, who will be 40 on June 6, will be a candidate for the presidency at the Liberals' annual conference in Bournemouth in September. He has been MP for Truro since 1974.

Election result

The following result in the municipal elections last Thursday failed to appear in *The Times* on Saturday.

CYNON VALLEY (Labour): Lab 9, Plaid Cymru 2, Independent 1, Lab gained 1 from PC and 1 from Ind, Ind gained 1 from Lab. New Council: Lab 27, PC 6, Ind 4, Others 1.

No change.



Overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B Frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 55; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 125; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 100

'UC leader supports 'no-strike' unions

By Barrie Clem... Labour Reporter

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Arrested drivers choose to have breath tests checked by blood samples

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

One in five motorists arrested on a drink-driving charge is taking advantage of a Home Office circular to chief constables and asking for the result of breath tests to be checked against a blood or urine sample.

Although it was introduced only on April 16 inquiries by *The Times* suggest that the number of blood samples taken in the first two weeks has more than doubled.

The additional work is not welcomed by some senior officers, who regard it as an unnecessary concession to uninformed criticism of the accuracy of electronic breath-test machines.

Until April 16 blood and urine tests were available only if the machine produced a reading of between 40 and 50 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath. The minimum level, suggesting a driver is incapable of exercising proper control, is 35 micrograms but in most forces set 40 micrograms as the lowest limit for prosecution.

Because it was considered that anything up to 50 micrograms might be a contentious or marginal area the additional check provided by a blood test was made a legal option when the breath test was introduced in May, 1983.

Two months ago a circular to chief constables advised them that for an experimental period of six months they should extend blood testing to drivers with a reading of more than 50 micrograms if requested. The move came after reports that the machines were not sufficiently accurate and had led to some wrongful convictions.

The Association of Police Surgeons pressed for the statutory right to a blood or urine test. It said that returns from 30 police stations over three months period indicated that one in five drivers shown to be over the limit by the machine were below the legal limit when blood samples was analysed.

Police officers have pointled out that police surgeons have a financial interest in securing more sampling. A senior Welsh officer said: "My local surgeon told me that he would lose £15,000 a year in police fees when the breath machine came in last May".

The Home Office has estimated that an additional 5,000 to 6,000 samples will be taken monthly during the trial. It has set aside £750,000 to meet the fees.

Police officers, in turn, have been criticized for being usympathetic to those questioning the machine's accuracy because it is much slower to contact a doctor to undertake a blood test and then await analysis.

The machine gives an instant read-out, accepted in court as evidence. That speed and simplicity led to complaints that it is the prime reason for random testing.

However, in his annual report this week Sir Philip Knights, Chief Constable of West Midlands, said: "The introduction in May of Intoximeter evidential breath-testing machines for use in police stations following the earlier introduction of more positive roadside screening devices has made the enforcement of drink-driving legislation simpler and less time consuming.

"The number of arrests for driving with excess alcohol in 1983 was 24 per cent higher than the 1982 total, in spite of considerable publicity directed towards reducing this type of offence.

"This has not been brought about by any form of random testing. It is the result, I believe, of the greater confidence officers enjoy with their new equipment."

He reported 110 arrests in the first 10 days of the additional sampling, of whom 25 with a reading of more than 50 micrograms opted for a blood sample.

Greater Manchester police said that in the first 14 days, 91 drivers were over the prosecution limit, 72 had a reading of more than 50 micrograms and 18 (19.8 per cent) asked for a blood sample.

Most of other forces said it was too early to give details, but agreed that a 20 per cent request for additional sampling "seemed about right".

Home Office scientists are confident that the additional blood sampling for six months will support the finding of their own field tests, which have confirmed the machine's accuracy.

Two different machines are in use. The Lion Intoximeter manufactured at Barry, South Glamorgan, is favoured by most forces in England and Wales. The Camic Breath Analyser, made in North Shields, is used almost exclusively in Scotland. The trial is being monitored by an independent expert. Professor Sir William Paton, who holds the chair of pharmacology at Oxford University.

Musical bear: Children singing along with a member of Atarah's Band yesterday during the May Day Madness weekend at the Barbican, London. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Rugby swop urged to cut spine injury risks

By Thomson Prentice
Science Correspondent

Schools should drop Rugby Union in favour of Rugby League next season to reduce the risks of spinal injuries among younger pupils, according to a doctor specializing in sports medicine.

Dr Elizabeth Scott says that backache beginning at 14 and continuing into adult life can be blamed on stress inflicted during scrums on the spines of boys playing as front and second row forwards.

"They are concertinaed by the weight of the rows in front and behind. If their muscle development cannot control the forces, the spine carries the weight", Dr Scott argues in the latest issue of *General Practitioner*.

"The pressure on those growing spines is enormous and the cartilage can be deformed by such stress". Dr Scott of Edinburgh says, who speaks as "sports medicine practitioner, general practitioner, parent of rugby players and a watcher of schools' rugby for 20 years".

She also calls for substitutes to be allowed in school matches. "Playing on 'for the good of the team' merely ensures that even a minor injury is compounded", she says.

However, doctors at the Regional Spinal Injuries Unit at Pinderfields general hospital in Wakefield, West Yorkshire, have concluded that "spinal cord injuries are as common in Rugby League as in Rugby Union".

They studied the cases of 13 Rugby League players admitted to the unit with spinal cord injury between 1956 and 1983, and published their findings in the *British Medical Journal*

In seven cases the ball carrier was injured and in four cases the tackler was hurt. The other two injuries occurred when scrums collapsed. During the same period, there were seven spinal cord injuries as a result of Rugby Union.

Dr John Silver, spinal injuries consultant at the National Spinal Injuries Centre at Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Buckinghamshire, published his study of injuries to rugby players earlier this year.

Of 67 injured between 1952 and 1982, 48 suffered paralysis and total incapacity, and spinal injuries were more common in recent years.

Dr Silver said of Dr Scott's suggestion that schools should adopt rugby league rules: "I think it is an excellent idea and I would be in favour of it, but the figures from Wakefield are quite horrifying. In my study, only two of the 67 cases were rugby league players."

After Dr Silver's research, the Rugby Football Union produced some changes in interpretations of the laws for schools.

Suburban homes in disrepair

By David Walker
Social Policy Correspondent

The mock Tudor facades of the London suburbs conceal a growing problem of disrepair, according to new housing figures to be published tomorrow.

They show that in outer London about 200,000 homes need repairs costing more than £4,200, representing about 12 per cent of the entire housing stock. Most are owner-occupied homes.

Prosperous areas such as Barnet, Ilford, an Hornchurch have a particular problem with what surveyors term fit dwellings that need renovation. In Barnet, where the Conservative council is proud of its improvement grant record, nearly a quarter of all houses are in notable disrepair.

In Havering, the borough encompassing Romford and Hornchurch, about 17,000 homes need repair out of 89,000, while in neighbouring Redbridge containing mile upon mile of neat half-timbered interwar houses, one in ten need substantial repair work.

The figures are published by the Greater London Council but they are supplied by the boroughs for presentation to the Government, in order to claim housing grants. Barnet said that although there were problems in Cricklewood and East Finchley, the figure overstated the problem. The housing manager of Redbridge however, said there was a growing problem of elderly owner-occupiers unable or unwilling to maintain their homes.

Areas where disrepair is not a problem include Barking, Bromley and Kingston upon Thames.

Ruling may increase home workers' pay

By Kenneth Gosling

The problem of underpayment of home workers, many receiving less than 50p an hour for addressing and filling envelopes or answering the telephone, could be alleviated by a ruling given in the Court of Appeal last week.

It held that two women making boys' trousers at home for a Cambridge company were direct employees, entitled to protection against unfair dismissal.

The ruling was welcomed by the Low Pay Unit. "Giving a worker employee status means considerably better rates of pay, better conditions of work and holidays", it said.

The unit will publish a report next month detailing a wide range of home occupations which still rank as "extremely badly paid".

Traditional jobs carried out at home by an estimated 600,000 workers include making up clothing, soldering and, increasingly, clerical work.

A unit researcher, Liz Bisset, said that it was impossible to put a figure on the number in each occupation. However the most common employment was home machining of garments and knitting (£4 for a £250 garment not uncommon); typing and filling envelopes; glueing such items as soles on shoes; answering the telephone for commercial companies; typing; assembling Christmas crackers and cleaning headsets for airlines.

There had been a great increase in the amount and range of home work.

A report published by the unit and commissioned by the Manpower Services Commission gives a warning that a new generation of home workers, working in the new technology jobs such as data entry and word processing, could become the low paid of the future.

Not everyone has been pleased with the court's decision. Mrs Joan Wilkins, founder of a company that provides freelance services by people working from home, said: "I am very anxious to know it is not going to affect bona fide people who are just taking on ad hoc work as and when they choose to do it, perhaps for 10 days or three weeks.

"It would be quite wrong to penalize those people because the rag trade are being caught up with."

The unit is concerned about the plight of home workers who still receive much less than 50p an hour in an industry which continues to grow.

Ursula Huws, author of the technology report, said employers were keener to employ home workers during a period of recession because of their uncertainty about future markets.

She also pointed out that pay levels among skilled computer professionals working at home are nearly £2 less than the hourly rate paid to office staff. As home workers they average £4.63 an hour; in an office they would get an average of £6.54 an hour, considerably more on a casual contract basis.

"Office workers should be alerted to the potential problems before it is too late. Planning decisions being made now about the technological infrastructures could affect their working lives for decades to come."

The New Homeworkers: New Technology and the changing location of white-collar work (Low Pay Unit, 9 Poland Street, London W1V 3DG; £2.50, p & p 25p).

Plan for late night stores opposed

Plans to open four large American-style multi-purpose stores in London next month, with opening times from early morning until midnight, have encounterd opposition from local traders (John Young writes).

The four stores, according to the weekly magazine, *The Grocer*, will be in Hendon, Harrow, Streatham and Kensington, where building conversion work is well advanced. Hendon shopkeepers have sent a petition to Barnet council objecting to the plan.

Trading under the name 7-Eleven, the shops will be managed by Neighbourhood Stores, under licence from the Southland Corporation of America. As well as selling groceries, the company hopes to operate hot food takeaway counters and video games at least until 11.30pm of even later. Two stores are planned for Birmingham and negotiations in progress for 10 more sites.

Rival traders fear that restaurant licenses will be used as a pretext for keeping retail shops open outside present permitted hours.

Catholics to bring back 'Friday fish'

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

A modified version of "fish on Fridays" is to be reintroduced for Roman Catholics in England and Wales in the autumn. The practice was made voluntary 18 years ago.

Its revival was ordered by the Vatican in the new Code of Canon Law which came into force last autumn. But local hierarchies were allowed to take time deciding whether to choose some alternative penitential activity.

No decision has been announced by the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

It is clear, however, that the rule for England will be virtually the same as that in force in Ireland. Last week, the English and Welsh bishops agreed to "consult" those in Scotland and Ireland.

The Archbishop of Liverpool, Mgr Derek Worlock, said that this was to "overcome the danger of different practices in neighbouring countries".

The Irish regulations were adopted last November, with the Vatican's permission, and cannot be altered. The Roman Catholic bishops in Scotland have not announced their decision.

The previous rule was to abstain from meat, penance designed to draw attention to Friday as the day of Jesus Christ's crucifixion. An exhortation to abstain from meat on Fridays is included in the Book of Common Prayer, but it is widely ignored in the Church of England.

The alternatives for Friday observance likely to be adopted in England are:

- Abstaining from meat or some other food.
- Abstaining from alcohol, smoking, or some other amusement.
- A special effort of involvement in family prayer, attending Mass, visiting the Blessed Sacrament, or making the Stations of the Cross.
- Fasting from food for longer than usual, and giving any money saved to the needy.
- Going out of the way to help somebody sick, poor, old, or lonely.

Unlike the previous rule, which was dropped because it was taken rigidly, the bishops are likely to emphasize, that it is the spirit of penance that matters, not the letter of the law.

They instructed all parish priests in England and Wales to prepare congregations by explaining the theory behind penance, and special sermons were preached during Lent.

Propane gas taken from blast car

Gas containers were removed from a car which exploded killing a schoolboy and injuring six of his friends but the police would not say yesterday whether they had been sniffing propane gas in the car.

Fire broke out after the blast in Kelly Road, Hebburn, Tyne and Wear, and Kevin Dowling, age 14, of Hollyhock, Hebburn, died.

The injured were detained in the Ingham Infirmary, South Shields.

They are Carl Jones, aged 15, of the Kingsway Hotel; Kevin Brown, aged 13, of Mountbatten Avenue; Neil Coulson, aged 12, of Lambley Crescent; Steven Earle, age 13, of Kelly Road all in Hebburn, and Miss Kim Anderson, aged 18, of Croxdale Terrace, Pelaw, and Miss Lesley Younger, aged 19, of Kriston Way, Bill Quay.

- Two boys aged eight and 13, died on a fire in a garage off Acton Street, Wigan, on Saturday night.

Arsonist sought

Detectives in Falkirk, Stirlingshire, are hunting an arsonist after two fires which engulfed separate stores in the town centre early on Saturday, causing damage estimated at £500,000.

House built by pioneer architect is 'delisted'

By Charles Knevitt, Architectural Correspondent

One of the finest examples of domestic architecture of the interwar years has been "delisted" by an environment minister against the recommendation of his specialist advisers.

The house is "Torilla" in Hatfield, built in 1934-35 by the architect F. R. S. Yorke, one of the pioneers of the Modern Movement in Britain. The two-storey building is in reinforced concrete with a flat roof and steel-frame casement windows. It has an open plan and a two-storey living room at the rear. Le Corbusier's Maison La Roche, Paris, was an important influence on the design.

Mr Hugh Small, husband of the house's owner, described the building as "a blunder by a famous architect". He said it has hardly any insulation; no cavity walls or roofspace: cracks in the structure; and inaccessible plumbing and wiring buried in the concrete. The windows are rusted shut.

It was spot-listed Grade II only last July while he was preparing to appeal to his local authority, Welwyn Hatfield District Council, over its refusal to give planning permission for him to build nine houses on nearly three acres surrounding the house, which is in the Green Belt.

Mr Small wrote to the Department of the Environment last August asking for it to be removed from the list. The department's reply, three months later, cited six reasons why it should remain

Arrests as widow is deported

Afia Begum, the Bangladeshi widow, who hid from police for more than a year, was deported with her daughter Asma, aged 2, on Saturday.

Twenty-one people who demonstrated at Heathrow airport against her being sent back to Dacca were arrested and charged under airport by-laws with causing a riot and refusing to leave the airport.

Mrs Begum had hoped to be allowed into Holland when the aircraft stopped for refuelling, but Dutch immigration officials refused permission because of the "riot" at Heathrow.

Mrs Begum's case is to be raised today in the Dutch Parliament to try to persuade the authorities to give her sanctuary pending an appeal to the European Commission of Human Rights against deportation.

Mrs Begum's leave to enter Britain was withdrawn after her husband died.

Outing for rail crash residents

Fifty residents of Lime and Thames streets in Carlisle enjoyed a free trip to Blackpool today – while a 20-ton flask of lead-based petrol additive was lifted clear of their homes.

The container had been buried under the wreckage of 10 freight wagons which plunged into the river Caldew last week.

Billy Graham has operation

Dr Billy Graham, the American evangelist, who is to start his biggest crusade in Britain on Saturday, is expected to be discharged from the Royal Masonic Hospital, west London, today after a successful sinus operation.

He was admitted to hospital on Saturday, and the operation carried out yesterday. Afterwards a hopital spokesman said: "All has gone well. He is fine."

Solo sailor set for voyage

Mr James Hatfield, aged 28, of Ipswich is due to set off from Penzance today to sail round the world single-handed to raise cash for the British Heart Foundation.

Arab may buy Bedford College in £10m deal

By Colin Hughes

Bedford College and its 10-acre grounds in the heart of Regent's Park, in London, are expected to be sold for more than £10m to an Arab buyer this week.

The college, which is on a lease from the Crown Commissioners with 27 years to run, has been on the market since last summer.

The lease value would be much greater, given the position of the buildings overlooking the park, but one of the lease conditions is that it must be used for educational purposes. Speculation has surrounded that likelihood that only Arabs might be able to afford it as a private learning centre.

Bedford is merging with Royal Holloway College, and some students and departments have moved already to its 100-acre site at Egham Hill, in Surrey. Proceeds from the Bedford sale will go towards a £20m expansion at Egham.

The rest of Bedford's 1,500 students and all but four departments will move to Egham over the summer holiday.

College administrators are not disclosing the buyer's identity, but a deal has been reached and contracts are expected to be signed at the end of this week.

New tasks for an old machine

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

With a report like the crack of a high velocity rifle, a 2in diameter bar of steel fractured. The metal was torn apart by a machine in a workshop behind the Italian façade of a restored listed building in Southwark Street, near London Bridge.

The machine, which can apply huge forces to metal girders, bricks, concrete and wood beams to test their tensile strength by stretching them and their compression, was last used in 1965.

But the technical details it has revealed about engineering and building materials in 100 years of operation, including testing of the components of the ill-fated Tay Bridge after its failure in 1879, form a large part of the standard reference works kept in computer data bases.

The equipment is at its original site of Kirkaldy's Testing and Experimental Works which has been refurbished as a centre of innovation, in which young engineers, designers and creative business people can develop ideas. Today's innovators, who follow in the steps of the first David Kirkaldy, have microcomputers and video terminals for their calculations and design work.

The building comprises 11,000 square feet on five floors, with the vast testing machine, nearly 48ft long and able to apply a load of 300 tons, occupying the ground floor as the new Kirkaldy Testing Museum.

The upper floors provide "instant workspace" which tenants license for studios, or workshops from the Industrial Buildings Preservation Trust.

Individuals can license from as little as 100 square ft. Each tenant has available Shared Office Services, which provide facilities covering reception, word-processing, telephone answering, photocopying, report preparation, security and other business support.

The renovation of the building and its machinery as an industrial museum had been suggested by Dr Denis Smith, senior lecturer in civil engineering at North East London Polytechnic.

The workspace idea for the upper floors provided an extra impetus for raising the initial £250,000 to overhaul the site. Support has come from Rank Xerox, the Greater London Council, the Department of the Environment, the Pilgrim Trust, the Heritage Fund and Southwark Borough Council.

At the official opening yesterday the present David Kirkaldy, the founder's grandson who graduated at Cambridge and gained his practical experience in engineering at the famous River Don steelworks in Sheffield almost 50 years ago, brought the machine back into operation.

The first universal testing machine, which was developed to provide quality control for the industries created in the first industrial revolution, erupted into life.

The ram of the Kirkaldy tester being adjusted by an operator. (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Injured Britons fight for their lives as Majorca inquiry into crash opens

From Richard Wigg, Palma

Two British tourists were fighting for their lives and 13 others were seriously ill in Palma hospitals last night after surviving a coach crash in Majorca early on Saturday in which eight other British holidaymakers and their guide were killed.

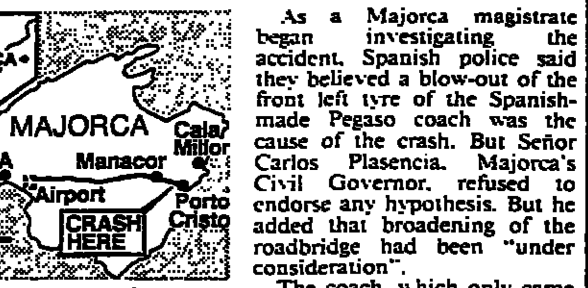
As relatives flew in, Mr Roger Britchford, a 44-year-old lorry driver from Wellingborough, was one of two Britons in a critical condition. He was put on a ventilator after being operated on for severe facial injuries and ruptured liver. The other was Mr Peter Marshall, from Coventry, who suffered severe bruising of the heart and both lungs.

Dr Richard Fairhurst, the chief medical officer of Europe Assurance, who gave these details, said last night: "I have not in my experience seen so many people survive, with such severe injuries."

He praised the level of medical treatment available on the island. A further 19 tourists, he said, were suffering from minor injuries.

Mrs Mary Gates, of Letchworth, was due to be the first patient to fly home last night.

In all, 34 tourists were still in hospital here. They include: Charles Whatley, aged two, whose father and mother have decided to keep him with them although they are suffering from a broken leg and arm and concussion respectively. He was the only person on the stricken



coach to escape without any injuries.

Seven children, including a teenager, Carol Brownridge, who lost her father in the crash, were among the injured. Simon and Michael Cox, aged 12 and eight, from Coventry, are both still in a serious condition with fractured skulls.

The tragedy occurred when the coach, carrying 44 tourists from the Midlands and northern England on holidays organized by Horizon Tours of Birmingham, plunged over a narrow and barely protected bridge some 35 miles east of here just before entering Porto Cristo, a fishing port.

It all happened suddenly in the dark before 5am as the tourists were being taken to their east coast hotels after having arrived at Palma on charter flight KG696 of Orion Airlines from Luton.

The deaths revived a controversy about what local people, including the town's mayor, regard as a traffic black spot.

As a Majorca magistrate began investigating the accident, Spanish police said they believed a blow-out of the front left tyre of the Spanish-made Pegaso coach was the cause of the crash. But Señor Carlos Plasencia, Majorca's Civil Governor, refused to endorse any hypothesis. But he added that broadening of the roadbridge had been "under consideration".

The coach, which only came into service at the end of last month, crashed down some 20ft from the old stone bridge where the road is only about 15ft wide. It toppled onto its left side, where most of those fatally injured were sitting.

The bridge has stone roadblocks abut 1ft high and single strip protective railing some 2ft high. Both were damaged or torn off under the impact of the crash.

Two of the surviving British tourists told *The Times* from their beds that they did not think the driver had been speeding.

At the Miramar clinic, Mr Albert Wilkinson, aged 68, a retired decorator from Hartlepool, whose wife Ethel was killed in the crash said: "It was a perfectly normal run until suddenly I felt a wheel was off the asphalt. I said to my wife 'grab something, he's gone off the road'. "Then something hit me and when I came to I looked at my wife and she seemed as if asleep . . ." Mr Wilkinson's son Larry, who flew overnight from Manchester told his father about her death yesterday morning. She had been sitting at the window seat.

Mr Anthony Willey, aged 38, from Spalding, Lincolnshire, who also thought the driver was not speeding, said suddenly the bus "shuddered as if it had hit a rock".

The coach driver, Sénor Antonio Vidal, aged 56, was still in too serious a shock condition to talk to reporters

Eye-witnesses who reached the crash site soon after the accident said the driver kept muttering "the tyre, the tyre".

Sénor Gabriel Homar, the Mayor of the adjacent town of Manacor, recalled his letter sent last February to the councillor of public works of the island's autonomous government asking that immediate priority be given to widening the bridge over the Llebrona river prior the opening of this year's tourist season.

Asked if Horizon were aware of such local views about the accident spot, Mr Derek Beeston, the continental director of Horizon Tours, said yesterday: "The Mayor's comments came as news to me".

The route was used, Mr Beeston added, by coaches hired by Horizon 20 to 30 times a week fo holidaymakers' arrivals and departures, as well as for island excursions.

A journey from here to the accident spot reveals, as the Mayor has argued, that the state of the road eastwards from Manacor is more winding and less modern than on the Palma side.

Mrs Mary Britchford, of Wellingborough, whose husband was in an intensive care unit after undergoing an operation for multiple injuries, said: "I said Roger, wake up! I've had a bad dream! I could not believe it had happened to our coach.".

The dead and injured in Spanish tragedy

The eight who died in the accident were: Mr Dennis Peet and Mrs Doreen Peet of Fallowfield, Manchester; Mrs Elizabeth Oxley of Doncaster; Mrs Ethel Wilkinson of Hartlepool; Miss Susanna Windsor-Smith of Woodhouse Eaves, Leicestershire; Mr Graham Brownridge of Coventry; Mr Michael Gates of Letchworth, Hertfordshire; Miss Joanne Rayner, aged seven, of Leeds; and the Spanish courier, Mrs Bianca Rowe.

Critically injured: Mr R. Britchford of Wellingborough, and Mr P. Marshall of Coventry.

Seriously injured: Master L Rayner of Leeds; Mr A and Mrs G Willey of Spalding, Lincolnshire; Master M and Master S Cox of Coventry; Mr B Pritchard of Gloucestershire; Miss L Frost of Brimsley, Nottingham; Mr E Whatley of Hensford, West Midlands; Mrs E Williams of Hensford; Mr A, Mrs M and Miss S Douglas of London; Mr M Gamble of Leicestershire; Mrs S Brownridge of Coventry.

Minor injuries: Mr P Oxley of Doncaster; Mr A Wilkinson of Hartlepool; Mr A and Mrs J Rayner of Leeds; Mr T., Mrs J., Mr M., Mrs V and Master C Cox, all of Coventry; Miss E Bradley of Gloucestershire; Mr J Langley Mill, Derbyshire; Mr S Whately of Henford; Master A Douglas of Kingsford, London; Mrs M Britchford of Wellingborough; Miss C Brownridge of Coventry; Mrs J Jones of Coventry; Mrs M Gates of Letchworth; and the second couer, Mr P Franklin of Corsham, Wiltshire.

Paul Whatley, aged two, was unhurt.

Killed: Miss Susanna Windsor-Smith

Seriously hurt: Her fiancé Mr Mark Gamble

Games warmup. Greek actresses dressed as priestesses rehearse yesterday at Olympia for today's flame lighting ceremony. It will be handed as a safety lamp to an American Olympic official for transport to New York by chartered aircraft.

Offspring of champions take flame to Olympics

New York (Reuter) – Two grandchildren of Olympic legends, Jim Thorpe, and Jesse Owens, will be the first of nearly 4,000 runners, ranging in age from eight to 91, who will carry the Olympic flame on its controversial journey across the United States starting tomorrow.

From the United Nations building on Manhattan's East Side, the flame will be taken on a circuitous 9,000-mile journey lasting 82 days. Over mountains, through deserts, across rivers, along both Atlantic and Pacific oceans, past the White House, and through 33 states and 41 of the nation's largest cities, the torch relay will be the longest in Olympic history.

It will also be the most controversial since, for the first time, much of the route will be commercially sponsored with proceeds going to various youth programmes in the United States. The sponsorship scheme has been widely criticized, notably in Greece, birthplace of the Olympics on the ground that it contravenes the spirit of the games.

After being flown to New York from Greece today, the flame, set in a bronzed aluminum torch, will leave the United Nations at approximately 9am Eastern Standard Time (2pm BST) tomorrow.

It will be carried jointly at the start by grandchildren of Jim Thorpe, who in 1982 was posthumously reinstated as an Olympic champion after he had lost the decathlon and pentathlon medals he won in 1912 for alleged professionalism, and Jesse Owens, who won four gold medals at the 1936 Olympics.

Others carrying the torch in New York will include Abel Kiviat, aged 91 a silver medallist in the 1912 Stockholm Olympics, and Tim Towers, aged 12.

Runners, each carrying the torch for one kilometre, will jog through the streets of Manhattan for more than five hours. Then the relay will move into Westchester County, Connecticut, on to West Point, New York and then into New Jersey, Philadelphia and Washington.

The runners will swing into the Mid-west, then the South, back into the Mid-west, where one of the torchbearers will be an eight-year-old girl afflicted with cerebral palsy, through the South-west and Pacific North-west and into California, arriving at the Los Angeles Coliseum on July 28 when the summer games begin.

Runners from all walks of life, including a member of the notorius Hell's Angels motorcycle club in California, will endure a variety of weather conditions from fierce heat in the deserts of Arizona and Nevada to sub-freezing weather in the Rockies,

But the flame, powered by propane gas, will continue to burn, no matter how adverse the weather, Mr Charles Mitchell, the relay's Project Director told a press conference. "In some cases miner-type lamps may have to be used as a shield, but the flame will not go out."

Originally, the relay was to have been staged on a round-the-clock basis. Instead, Mr Mitchell said, each day's relay would last approximately 18 hours.

He and other spokesmen for the relay organizers defended the sponsorship scheme which is expected to raise $12m (about £8m).

Five die as helicopter falls into crowd

Helsinki – Five people were killed and 22 wounded, many seriously, when a helicopter crashed yesterday among spectators at a motor racing centre near Hameenlinna, 60 miles north of Helskiki (Olli Kivinen writes).

Eye-witnesses said that the Bell 47 helicopter was caught by a strong gust of wint when landing on top of a small ridge. It tried to gather height again, but fell to a hillside full of people watching a race and burst into flames.

The race was abandoned and aviation authorities started investigations immediately. The helicopter had been taking people on "fun rides".

Peak conquered by two teams

Katmandu (AFP) The 26,788 Mount Manaslu was conquered by two expeditions last week – a joint German-Swiss expedition via the north-east face and a Yugoslav team along the rocky south face.

Nicholas Seely, a British climber injured when he fell inot a 60-ft crevasse on Mount Kanguru, is "all right" after an operation on his knee.

Cocker to sue

Vienna – Joe Cocker, the British rock singer held by Austrian police for 36 hours after he failed to appear at a concert, will sue the city of Vienna "for millions", said his agent, Herr Martin Billias.

Bridge horror

Auckland, (Reuter) – A boy aged three was killed and his five-year-old sister is missing after a man threw them off the 140ft-high Auckland harbour bridge and then jumped off. The man survived and was taken to hospital.

Morocco visit

Rabat (Reuter) – Mr Richard Luce, Minister of State at the Foreign Office for North Africa and Middle East affairs, is in Morocco for a four-day visit.

Plane crash

Hongkong (AP) – Search operations continued for a British doctor whose private plane crashed into a bay in eastern Hongkong on Saturday. Police identified the pilot as Dr Anthony Van De Klee, aged 43, a gynaecologist.

Nakasone back



The Japanese Prime Minister, Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone, returned to Tokyo yesterday from a week-long tour of Pakistan and India – the first Japanese leader to visit the two nations in 23 years. In Pakistan he promised to extend aid worth $14.9m (£10m) to Afghan refugees.

Governor goes

Lagos (Reuter) – Captain Edet Archibong, military Governor of Nigeria's Cross River state has been removed four months after his appointment because of "acts of impropriety" while serving as superintendent of the Naval Dockyard.

Haiti arrests

Pointe-à-Pitre, Guadeloupe (Reuter) – Police in St Martin, a French Caribbean possession, have arrested 37 people suspected of plotting to overthrow Presidnt Jean-Claude Duvalier of Haiti, police sources said.

Why whale died

Ortaon, Italy (Reuter) – A 39ft sperm whale, washed up on the Adriatic coast, suffocated on 50 plastic bags wedged in its throat. Surgeons also found a bullet and industrial waste in its stomach.

Costa Rica stays out of manoeuvres

From Martha Honey
San José

Costa Rican and United States officials here categorically deny reports from Washington that Costa Rica will take part in US military manoeuvres in Honduras.

The Minister of Public Security, Señor Angel Edmundo Solano, said that Costa Rica had "no intention either of having manoeuvres here or of sending anyone to Honduras. No Costa Rican official has discussed or was authorized to discuss such a plan with the United States.

Costa Rica has no army, and is protected by an 8,000-strong security force composed of a Civil and Rural Guard. In the wake of recent border troubles with Nicaragua, the US has promised to assist in upgrading the security forces.

As the most stable and democratic country in the region, Costa Rica has consistently resisted US efforts to involve it in military exercises or regional defence pacts. Its centrist Government is, however, under increasing pressure from the right here to abandon its policy of neutrality and align itself firmly with anti-communist governments such as Honduras and El Salvador.

Costa Rican officials said they did not know the origin of the report from Washington. The Foreign Minister, Señor Carlos Gutièrrez, termed it "absolutely not true", adding: "How are we going to participate if we do not have an army?"

The US Ambassador to Costa Rica, Mr Curtin Winsor, said that the report "orginated from Managua", and that those making such statements must have "smoked their breakfast". After recent Costa Rican allegations of Nicaraguan incursions, the US has speeded up shipments of military equipment in the pipeline, including 80 Jeeps, 25 patrol boats and two helicopters.

In discussions over the past few days Costa Rica has also asked the Americans for additional assistance, including rifles, small machine guns, mortars and ammunition. "Washington is considering the application, but there is no definite answer yet", said the Foreign Minister.

US military aid to Costa Rica has, under the Reagan Administration, increased from nothing in 1981 to an appropriation of $10m (£7.1m) for fiscal 1985.

● WASHINGTON: Pentagon officials denied reports that Costa Rica was being asked to take part in any exercises the US is engaged in or is planning in Honduras (Nicholas Ashford writes).

Salvadoreans vote for peace

Rebels keep a low election profile

From John Carlin, San Salvador

Polling in the Salvadorean presidential election began yesterday morning in surprisingly orderly fashion, offering the latest in a series of recent indications that a political centre may yet be carved out in extremist-ridden El Salvador. The Christian Democrat candidate, Señor Napoleòn Durarte, is overwhelming favourite to beat the right-wing nationalist, Major Roberto D'Aubuisson.

The election officials apparently learnt from their mistakes in the first round of voting on March 25, which was an organizational fiasco.

In the town of Santa Tecla, just west of the capital, as all over San Salvador, queues to vote were up to 400 yards long, but they were orderly and good natured.

When people arried the confusion encountered last time was not in evidence. A controvercial new electoral list seemed to have become more comprehensible to organizers and voters alike.

But in the midst of the apparently exemplary electorial process, with everybody questioned saying they were voting "for peace", there were vivid reminders that the civil war, now in its fifth year, is an inescapable fact of life.

Santa Tecla was attacked by guerrillas in elections two years ago, and the armed forces yesterday were highly visible. A patrolling helicopter flew low round and round the town as hundreds of heavily armed policemen and soldiers, some clearly very nervous, kept watch over the polling stations and guarded the principal roads.

But first reports yesterday indicated that in the country generally the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN) was keeping quiet. The rebel leadership had possibly sensed that there was little political capital to be gained by disrupting an electoral process that most people felt a strong need to participate in.

The extreme right, having largely accepted defeat for their candidate, are reacting in some cases with resignation, in some with anger.

A notorious death squad, the Secret Anti-Communist Army (ESA), released the latest in a series of menacing communiqués on Saturday, warning the next President not to yield to US pressures to send hardline right-wing military officers into exile.

The communiqué came out as the signs grew stronger that the armed forces high command intends soon intends to carry out a purge of extremist officers, possibly before the new President assumes office on June 1.

The ESA communiqué had a striking resemblance in tone to the latest radio broadcasts by the FMLN. Both are increasingly angry at what they perceive as US interference in El Salvador, and both are possibly frustrated that the American sponsored election may serve to check a trend of increasing violence and political polarization.

Panama polling gets off to a quiet start

Panama City (Reuter AP) – Voting in the first Panamanian presidential elections for 16 years opened on time yesterday with queues waiting at polling stations.

At the headquarters of the opposition coalition led by 82-year-old Señor Arnulfo Arias. A spokesman said he had received only two complaints in the first hour of voting.

Señor Arias is a maverick conservative who has been at loggerheads with the military for more than 40 years. He was overthrown in 1941, 1951 and 1968.

His opponent is Señor Nicolàs Ardito Barletta, a former Vice-President of the World Bank. He has denied that he is the candidate of the military, but acknowledges his candidacy was encouraged by the defence forces, led by General, Manuel Antonio Noriega.

Vietnam veterans sue over Agent Orange

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Agent Orange, the defoliant sprayed on jungles by the Americans during the Vietnam War, goes on trial in New York today.

In the largest and most complex case of its kind, a lawsuit on behalf of about 40,000 Vietnam veterans opens in the Federal District Court in Brooklyn. The veterans, who served in Vietnam between 1961 and 1972, are suing seven manufacturers of the herbicide, and the United States Government, claiming that they have been injured by Agent Orange, which contained the chemical Dioxin.

Dioxin has been the focus of controversy for years. The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regards it as highly toxic. The minutest traces have been shown to cause cancer in some animals. Nobody can say how dangerous it is to man, but fear of its supposed insidious effects is widespread.

The leading defendant in the case is the Dow Chemical Company, of Michigan, the largest supplier of Agent Orange, the defoliant which was sprayed by the Americans to deny cover to their enemies. Dow denies that Agent Orange could have caused the injuries claimed and says it welcomes the lawsuit.

This is the first time that a class action, a lawsuit undertaken on behalf of a group has involved such a large number of people.

As many as 50 witnesses could be called, among them could be Dr Henry Kissinger former Secretary of State, and General William Westmoreland, who commanded US forces in Vietnam.

European Notebook

EEC's undrunk wine gives farm ministers a headache

Should the city of Los Angeles want to experiment with some really novel swimming events at this summer's Olympic Games, it might be interested to know that the EEC has available enough unwanted wine to fill 16,000 championship-sized pools.

But since the games organizers are unlikely to want it, the Community agriculture ministers will today have to argue about how to dispose of this surfeit of fermented grape-juice, which is causing a bigger headache undrunk than it would do if it were consumed.

For with the EEC cost of milk "capped" by the recent farm price settlement, wine is set to take over as the spoiled brat of EEC agriculture. While Europe's citizens soberly reduce their consumption by an average of 0.75 per cent a year, production has continued to rise by over 0.5 per cent a year despite expensive Community schemes for "grubbing out" poor quality wines.

The result is that the wine lake by the end of this year is estimated to be some 440 million gallons deep and all of that will have to be stored and/or expensively distilled. So far this year, the £300m EEC wine budget has been overspent by 13 per cent and by the end of the year it is expected to soak up a further £120m.

In these austere times it seems singularly inappropriate for the Community to be spending its money on wine. The Commission confirmed last week that it will need at least £1,200m more than it is allowed to collect if it is to make ends meet legally next year. That is in addition to the £1,400m it already believes it will need this year if it is to pay all its bills.

The fact that this money just cannot be found under the present Community rules unless Britain agrees to it, is causing increasing desperation and fury among its partners. It led last Friday, to M Roland Dumas, the French minister in charge of EEC negotiations – and a close confidante of President Mitterand, to raise again the question of a "two-speed Europe" in which Britain would not be expected to pay into, or benefit from, all Community policies.

But if Britain were to drop out in this way it would arguably cost the British taxpayer more than at present to support agriculture and – even more important for Mrs Thatcher – it would mean that she would lose her one negotiating trump in the budget tourney.

At the moment, with Britain a full member of the EEC club, it has to give its approval for any increase in the resources the Community so desperately needs. Mrs Thatcher confidently expects that financial necessity will therefore force the others to meet her demands. If Britain were not a full member it would lose that veto right and its negotiating position would be immeasurably weakened.

Both President Mitterrand and Chancellor Helmut Kohl appealed to Mrs Thatcher in their meetings with her last week to drop her very budgetary approach to Europe, but both found her convinced that this was the only way to relaunch the Community on the right footing.

Meanwhile, however, the growing view in parts of the Commission is that two-speed Europe of a kind could be born of financial necessity. If its ideas for a loan are rejected by the Council of Ministers – and that seems very likely – then all the necessary money will run out on October 20. The Commission argues that since the overspending is the direct result of policies agreed by member states then the member states will just have to pay for the consequences of their actions.

The view is that most countries would readily contribute their share since in most cases this would be cheaper than paying the bills themselves. If Britain refused to pay, then it would, in turn, not be paid from the Community funds and two-speed Europe would be created by default.

All that is one summit and many Council meetings away and it would obviously provide a long succession of field-days for Community lawyers before it happened. But the threat is there.

Meanwhile, the farm ministers will be arguing about spending money they do not have to absorb wine they do not want. It is a problem not of Britain's making, though it has to pay towards solving it. That is another definition of two-speed Europe.

Ian Murray

Afrikaner extremists join forces to defend 'volk'

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

A new ultra right-wing force was launched in Pretoria at the weekend when more than 7,000 cheering whites attended the inaugural meeting of the Afrikaner Volkswag, which pledged itself to ensure that the *volk* survives "for the next 1,000 years as a free, white Afrikaner nation".

The *volk* (people) is the term which Afrikaners use to express their sense of national identity. It does not embrace the remaining 40 per cent of the white population, who are mainly of English descent.

The objective of a 1,000-year white Reich was set before the faithful in a packed exhibiton hall by Professor Carel Boshoff, a deceptively mild-mannered Dutch Reform Church theologian and former chairman of the Broederbond, the semi-secret society of the Afrikaner elite which is now regarded as too liberal by apartheid hardliners.

Dr Boshoff was forced out of the chairmanship of the Broederbond (League of Brothers) last year at the height of a bitter dispute within the organization over the government's new constitution, which later this year will bring the Indian and Coloured minorities into a tricameral parliament with whites.

The Volkswag, literally "the sentinel of the people", seeks to provide an umbrella organization in which the many different right-wing groups, which normally spend much of their time bickering among themselves over the minutiae of apartheid ideology, can mobilize their shared opposition to what they see as a dangerous erosion of the foundations of the apartheid state.

The new movement, which professes to be only a cultural organization, invites comparison, both in name and spirit, with the Ossewabrandwag (Oxwagon sentinel) the pro-Nazi organization which opposed South Africa's entry into the Second World War on the side of the Allies.

Among those prominent at the inaugural ceremonies was Mr Eugene Terreblanche, leader fo the overtly Fascist Afrikaner Weerstandsbeweging (Afrikaner Resistance Movement), accompanied by bodyguards wearing ties decorated with the movement's swastika-like emblem.

Mr Terreblanche's powerful voice was used to good effect in a stirring audio-visual presentation of the Afrikaner's struggle for power against British oppression. At the end of a rabble-rousing speech he flipped his right arm back from the elbow, palm upwards, in a gesture made famous by Hitler, crying "Long live Afrikanerdom".

Also present at the meeting were Mrs Betsy Verwoerd, the 83-year-old widow of the assassinated Hendrik Verwoerd; Mr Henning Klopper, one of six founders of the Broederbond; and Dr Andries Treurnicht and Mr Jaap Marais, leaders respectively of the Conservative Party and the Herstigte Nasionale Party. "Our *volk* have always been split at times of crisis", Mr Marais told the meeting. "This is because we have always had our soft element, but we have always been saved by the tough minority that has stood firm. There is no price too high to pay for a nation's freedom and there is no such thing as a racially-mixed nation", he declared to tumultuous applause.

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Peace protest abandoned after militia battles erupt in Beirut

From Our Correspondent, Beirut

Plans for a march to protest against nine years of civil war in Lebanon were cancelled after heavy weekend mortar and artillery battles on two fronts killed more than 20 people and wounded some 140.

Organizers of the peace march had hoped to attract at least 20,000 people yesterday to walk in silence to the Green Line of bunkerd militia positions that bisects the city into Christian and Muslim areas. But Mr Chaffic Sarduk, the Mayor of Beirut, announced late on Saturday that he would not allow the march to be held because of "security problems" in the capital.

Miss Iman Khalifeh, a researcher at Beirut University College, who had been the principal organizer of the anti-war demonstration, refused to comment when asked yesterday if she was disappointed by the cancellation.

The fighting began late on Friday after members of the right-wing Lebanese Forces militia retaliated for the deaths of two fighters in a mortar explosion along the Green Line by unleashing an artillery barrage westward. The Muslim militias responded, and the exchanges continued until dawn on Saturday. Some 10 civilians were injured.

As fighting across the Green Line subsided, rival militias of the Sunni Muslim Mourabitoun and Druze Progressive Socialist Party attacked each other on the streets of West Beirut.

The hour-long gun battle on the usually busy Corniche Maazra throughfare – sparked when someone in a speeding car shot and killed a Mourabitoun militaman – left three dead and four wounded. The militias had fought for three days in March for neighbourhood dominance.

The Sunni-Druze fighting had no sooner died down when sniper fire along the Green Line escalated into shelling attacks on neighbourhoods ranging from the suburb of Ouzai, south of Beirut, to the port of Jounieh to the north. Twenty people, including at least two Lebanese truce enforcers, were killed, and some 125 wounded before the battles subsided.

Ironically, it was a perfect day for a peace gathering. It was hot and sunny and hardly any sniper fire could be heard at the Green Line front.

Jamal, a 17-year-old youth who arrived at one of the march staging areas in West Beirut yesterday despite the cancellation, was angry. "I am ashamed of the people in my country," he said. "No one – no one at all – any more has the courage to stand up for anything any more. (The fighting) Saturday was more reason to march, not less."

China visit enhances prestige of Arafat

Peking (Reuter) – Mr Yassir Arafat, the leader of the Palestine Liberation Organization, inspected Chinese weaponry and clambered into a tank yesterday after watching an armoured division on training exercises near Peking. The official New China news agency said he was accompanied by Mr He Zhengwen, the Deputy Chief of the general staff of China's armed forces.

Mr Arafat visited the tank division near Peking yesterday morning, after arriving here on a three-day visit to discuss China's military and diplomatic support for the PLO.

Last night, he had talks with President Li Xiannian. He is due to meet China's effective leader, Mr Deng Xiaoping, today.

The agency did not say whether Mr Arafat had discussed fresh military supplies for his guerrillas from the Chinese, but China has been a consistent backer of the PLO.

Middle Eastern diplomats say Peking, which has no diplomatic ties with Israel, has regularly given the organization military equipment, including artillery, provided military training for PLO officers and also given medical help.

During his two hours of talks and at a banquet on Saturday night, Mr Zhao Ziyang, the Prime Minister, assured Mr Arafat that China fully supported the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinians and backed him as its leader.

China's endorsement of Mr Arafat's leadership precedes reconciliation talks in Algiers next week between PLO factions, designed to heal a split within the organization. Mr Arafat's China trip appears designed to enhance his prestige.

In his banquet speech, Mr Arafat, wearing his traditional khaki jacket, black and white headdress and sporting a pistol at his side, said the Palestinian cause was at a grave turning point.

He said it was confronted with a US-Israeli conspiracy to eliminate the Palestinian people's cause and deprive them of their right to survive.

Street-smart Mayor New Yorkers admire

Sitting in the shadow of LaGuardia

From Trevor Fishlock
New York

The politics of New York which, like most American cities, is a kind of barony, centre largely on the Mayor and his personality. As Mayor Edward Koch sees it, the job is much more than that of a city manager. The Mayor should be the larger-than-life representative of the American imperial capital – and, in Ed Koch's modest view, he does it pretty well.

The greatest Mayor of New York, by general consent, was Fiorello LaGuardia, who ruled from 1934 to 1945. Mayor Koch's ambition is to be judged greater. At City Hall he sits at LaGuardia's desk and faces a portrait of the hero, as if to remind himself of the competition – and Mr Koch is a very competitive man.

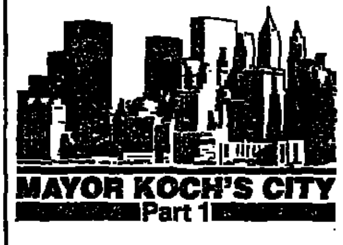
Next year, when he will be 61, Mr Koch will run for his third four-year term in the job he loves – and, although the election is a long way off, there are good reasons for thinking he will win.

There is, first of all, his record. When he became Mayor in 1977 New York was on the brink of bankruptcy. The recovery process was already under way when he came in, but he managed a tough austerity programme and he knew good financial management when he saw it.

The city came back into the bond markets three years ago and now has surpluses which give the Mayor some room to manoeuvre. What he has to do now is strike a decent wage bargain with the unions who run the city: the municipal workers, teachers, police, firemen and transport workers.

Unions are powerful

The trick is not to settle too high. It could affect him politically. Many New Yorkers would hate to see an over-generous settlement with the unions. Mr Koch has never given the impression that he could be arm-wrestled into submission – but the unions are powerful and they want recognition of their belt-tightening in leaner years and of the greater productivity achieved with a slimmer workforce.



BOROUGH POPULATIONS

	1980	1970
Bronx	1,169,115	1,471,701
Brooklyn	2,230,936	2,602,102
Manhattan	1,427,533	1,539,233
Queens	1,891,325	1,987,174
Staten Island	352,121	295,443



Pitching in: New York's legendary Mayor LaGuardia (left) joins in a baseball game, and Mayor Koch dons a safety helmet during a visit on board a helicopter carrier.

Mr Koch thinks he does not receive enough credit for the hard-working and honest administration he has established. He asserts that the city is much better off than when he took over. But his critics ask: "What about the homeless, housing, crime, the appalling subway system, traffic congestion, the dirty streets, the potholes?"

Other people's potholes are a tedious subject, but in New York they have become symbolic of the deteriorating fabric of the city. Many of New York's streets are as rutted as farm tracks.

The Mayor has been goaded into action. With a typical flourish he has now announced a "spring offensive" against potholes. New Yorkers wait to see what will become of his promises.

Mayor who loves shouting

City management issues are important, but it is unlikely that they would be critical factors in Mr Koch's re-election.

His patchy relationship with blacks and other minorities could cause him trouble – but probably not enough to unseat him. Seven-tenths of New York blacks said in a recent poll that they would vote against the Mayor, but blacks are only a quarter of the population.

Many New Yorkers dislike Mr Koch's abrasive, contentious manner, his showmanship, his unconcealed prejudices, his strongly pro-Israel "foreign policy".



Carrying the can: New York's dirty streets and potholes have become symbolic of the deteriorating fabric of the city.

But many, too, like him for just those qualities. They like a plain-speaking, street-smart Mayor who loves shouting about New York and has robust ideas. He is not weighed down by the management issues either, and can seem like any other New Yorker caught up in the frustrations of existing in this astonishing place, exclaiming "it's outrageous" when things annoy him.

If next year's mayoral election were to be solely on the issues, the formidable social problems, the eroding physical fabric, Mayor Koch might have a hard time of it. But it will also have to do with his personality and popularity. There is plenty of time for him to fall into a pothole – but the outlook is that he will be a hard man to beat.

Tomorrow: Black resentment

Soviet films to gloss over seamy side of life

From Richard Owen
Moscow

The Kremlin has ordered five Soviet film-makers to stop portraying negative aspects of Soviet life and accentuate the positive, offering both ideological imperatives and financial inducements to make Soviet cinema even more orthodox than it already is.

The instruction, which bears the stamp of President Chernenko, appeared yesterday on the front pages of all main Moscow papers, headed "On measures for the further raising of the ideological-artistic level of cinema films". It referred directly to remarks made by Mr Chernenko in June last year, when he was party secretary in charge of ideology.

At the June plenum – now regarded as holy writ and constantly referred to as a touchstone of policy – Mr Chenenko criticized writers and film directors who focused on miserable, loose and whining characters. He said Soveiet man needed noble goals and ideological convictions rather than films and books about futility and human distress.

The "milk maid meets collective farm tractor driver" genre of socialist realism, which Mr Chernenko seems to favour, has never gone away, and examples may be seen nightly on Soviet television or cinema screens. But an increasing number of films has shown modern Soviet social and personal problems, depicting human dilemmas with wit and sensitivity and often drawing no moral or Marxist-Lenin conclusion.

Yesterday's instruction said some films had reflected the achievements of socialism and "the spiritual development of our society", as well as patriotic and revolutionary themes. But too many others were "weak and uninteresting", dealing with problems far removed from everyday Soviet life. Such films centred on far-fetched conflicts, petty confusions, wretched morals and manners. There was even a tendency to "idealize outmoded moral norms and ways of life", a reference to nostalgia for the tsarist era which permeates recent films like *Anna Pavlova* and to films praising timeless rural values. Films should "expose imperialism and promote communism", instead, the directive said.

Other popular films which may have upset the Kremlin include those which glamorize crime and mock the party, such as *In Broad Daylight*; a series of teenage crime films, including *Scarecrow*; films on the middle-age life crisis such as *Dream Flights*; and portrayals of petty corruption and the underworld, headed by the hugely successful *Railway Station for Two*.

Another contorversial film awaiting general release is Yevgeny Yevtushenko's *Kindergarten*, which depicts gypsy life and the criminal fraternity in wartime Siberia with frankness and exuberance, and contains several nude scenes.

The Central Committee instruction said that to give Soviet films "greater socio-political significance" higher fees would be offered to studio directors, screen writers and technicians.

Gosplan, the state planning agency, is to pump more funds into the cinema industry, but the burden will fall on Goskino, the state cinema organization, where one of the senior executives is Mr Vladmir Chernenko, the President's son.

Pat on the back for Jaruzelski in Moscow

From Our Own Correspondent
Moscow

East European sources said yesterday that, despite continuing Soviet anxiety over the Polish situation after May Day street protests, the Kremlin had underlined its confidence in General Wojciech Jaruzelski during his visit to Moscow by praising his suppression of "counter-revolution" in Poland.

Like the late President Andropov, President Chernenko is uneasy about the failure of the Polish Communist Party to regain authority after the Solidarity era and the imposition of a military regime in Warsaw.

A communiqué on General Jaruzelski's talks with Mr Chernenko and other leaders on Friday and Saturday said that "full unity of views" existed on all important issues, including Soviet-Polish relations, which were based on "socialist internationalism and a community of vital interests". The warm reception for the Polish leader was given lengthy treatment by state television.

In a tough speech at a Kremlin dinner on Friday, Mr Chernenko said that America was still trying to "bleed socialist Poland white" through sanctions and subversion. But he added that Soviet block "cohesion and unity helped us stand our ground at a time of trial, and repulsed attacks by our class enemy".

General Jaruzelski said that Warsaw has made mistakes, but assured Mr Chernenko that his Government had ended the "destructive wave of counter-revolution" and was a loyal member of the Soviet alliance.

Mr Chernenko also accused the West of making fraudulent arms proposals, a point echoed in the communiqué.

Before leaving Russia, General Jaruzelski attended the unveiling of a monument to Soviet-Polish "comradeship in arms" at Ryazan, south-east of Moscow, where as a young officer he joned Soviet-organized Polish forces in 1944.

Marshal Dmitry Ustinov, the Soviet Defence Minister, said at the ceremony that "imperialist reaction" was using Poland to destroy the socialist system, "but this will never happen".

Earlier Mr Chernenko awarded the Polish leader the Order of Lenin, remarking that he has "averted a national catastrophe" in Poland. General Jaruzelski thanked the Soviet Union for its help in "stabilizing" Poland, and invited Mr Chernenko to visit Warsaw at an unspecified date.

The two sides signed a trade agreement valid until the year 2,000, although sources said serious differences on trade remained.

González sets off to visit Scandinavia

From Our Correspondent
Madrid

Señor Felipe González, the Spanish Prime Minister, left here yesterday for official visits to Denmark and Finland, after an informal meeting in Madrid on Saturday with Dr Mario Soares, the Portuguese Prime Minister.

Señor González's contacts with leaders of other European countries are the consequence of the government's policy of European intergration, according to informed sources, a policy which includes, but is not limited to, membership of the EEC.

Thousands flee Sudan for Ethiopia

Itang, Ethiopia (Reuter) – Political upheaval in Sudan where martial law was imposed last week, has sent thousands of southern Sudanese fleeing to Ethiopia, telling of murder and persecution by the army.

The trickle of refugees which began with the start of unrest last year is becoming a flood. Hundreds have trekked from their honmes across swamplands to seek sanctuary in places like the refugee camp at Itang, western Ethiopia.

Last year, there were about 10,000 refugees at Itang but the number has risen to 40,000.

"The refugees say they are shot and strafed, their villages are burnt, their women raped, their hands cut off, their crops destroyed and a lot of it I believe", said Robin McAlpine of the office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees.

The refugees come from the predominantly Christian south. They said they were being persecuted by soldiers from the Muslim north for alleged links with secessionist guerrillas.

●KHARTUM: Troops and police have detained more than 1,000 people since last week's proclamation of a state of emergency, the state-run daily newspaper *El-Sahafa* said.

The arrests coincide with a government reorganization by President Nimeiry in an effort to eliminate corruption and opposition to Islamic Sharia law.

Grappling with ethnic upheaval

Jayewardene offers strategy for devolution and security

From Michael Hamlyn
Colombo

President Jayewardene of Sri Lanka laid out in detail at the weekend his strategy for dealing with the appalling ethnic problems his island republic faces.

In a wide-ranging interview with *The Times* the 78-year-old President made it clear that his plans included two main thrusts: first to yield as much devolved authority to local government as the majority groups will allow, and second, to contain terrorism in the north.

He also made it plain, however, that in the end he would not depend on universal approval from the all-party talks which reopen in Colombo this week. "Ultimately it is the state that has to decide, anyway," he said.

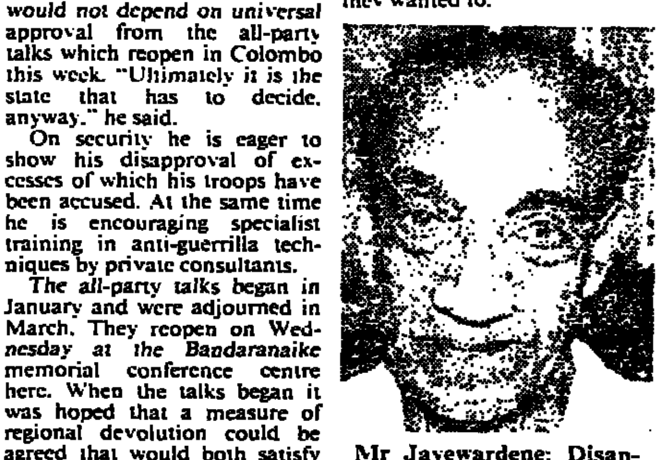
On security he is eager to show his disapproval of excesses of which his troops have been accused. At the same time he is encouraging specialist training in anti-guerrilla techniques by private consultants.

The all-party talks began in January and were adjourned in March. They reopen on Wednesday at the Bandaranaike memorial conference centre here. When the talks began it was hoped that a measure of regional devolution could be agreed that would both satisfy Tamil aspirations and not offend Sinhala sensibilities. The Government is about to offer a scheme it hopes will do the trick.

The conference will be asked to split into two committees. The first will decide what powers should be devolved upon local government. The second will consider the grievances of the minority groups in education, employment and language.

The conference will be presented with a Government-backed plan for devolution. Legislative control of the councils would remain at the district level but each council would have an elected chairman who would be an MP and a nominated minister – also an MP. These two would form a joint executive committee with the chairman and ministers of one or two other district councils. They would meet under the chairmanship of the President.

The proposal falls a good way short of the kind of regional councils or provincial councils that the Tamil spokesmen have sought, but they would be regional, and they would have considerable power. Three districts in the northern province, including Jaffna, would be able to get together but would not be able to combine with the other two. Nor would they be able to join with the three districts in the eastern province, who could get together on their own – if they wanted to.



Mr Jayewardene: Disapproves of army excesses.

The extent of their powers would, the President said, "be the maximum devolution of powers the majority is prepared to concede." He added that if the Tamil United Liberation Front did not agree "they can stay out. We don't need agreement with them to go ahead with our proposals."

Mr Jayewardene was conscious that the front would have a difficult task of salesmanship ahead if they did agree. "They will have to say that whatever the all party talks have accepted is as close as possible to Eelam as they can make it," he said. "And we in the non-front side will have to show that it is as far from Eelam as possible."

Eelam is the independent Tamil state that the minority militants are committed to establishing in the north and east of the island. But the President was also dismissive of the amount of power the front politicians have left to them. "They are as dead as a dodo," he insisted. "They represent nothing. As soon as India tells them to go away they will have nothing."

The problem lay with the terrorists, the President felt. He would be glad to talk to them if it would do any good. "We have offered amnesty, you know. We have put out feelers, but we have had no response."

Giving into Tamil demands would not satisfy the terrorists. "They will not even be satisfied with Eelam: they want Marxism."

Mr Jayewardene and his new Minister of National Security, the former Oxford Union president Mr Lalith Athulathmudali, are therefore relying on a military solution. A group of counter-insurgency experts from Oman, "though they have a British background," are giving specialist training to the Sri Lankan armed forces. "They are people who have experience of terrorism," Mr Jayewardene explained.

The President felt that the new tactics were already beginning to pay off. "They seem to be more under control," he said. He was also hopeful that educational measures among the armed forces in the north would reduce the occasions on which the troops themselves reacted against the local population. "They are being told: 'Unless you obey orders, we cannot succeed'," the President said.

In fact the politicians found it difficult to take more dramatic measures to curb the excesses of their soldiers. "We are dealing with a very sensitive army," the President observed, adding: "We have had three coups in this country, so it is not unusual."

He maintained that if India would take more effective measures against the terrorists it would assist him in containing them. "I don't mean the Indian Government," he said. "I mean Tamil Nadu. They must decide whether it is right or wrong for them to do it."

EEC gives $6bn aid pledge

Suva, Fiji (Reuter) – The European Community, locked in negotiations with Third World countries on a new trade and aid pact, has said that it will provide at least $6bn (£4.3bn) in aid and investment.

M Claude Cheysson, the EEC Council president, told a press conference that this had been guaranteed during four days of talks with 64 African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries this week on a successor to the second Lomé Convention.

The Community committed more than $6bn to ACP countries under a 1975 accord expiring next February, and M Cheysson said this sum would at least be equalled. Discussions on the question would continue with a fourth round of ministerial talks

The seven-month negotiations had made remarkable progress, he said, particularly in reaching agreement on guaranteeing the established rights of the previous convention.

The ACP states agreed that headway had been made, but said they were disappointed at the Community's response to proposals for wider trade concessions and more assistance.

Plutonium scare in Australia

From Tony Duboudin

Large areas of the outback of South Australia in the Maralinga region may have to be closed to the public because authorities are afraid of widespread plutonium contamination as a result of British nuclear testing in the 1950s and 1960s.

Mr John Bannon, the South Australian Premier, said that it might be necessary to extend the areas barred to public access in the 30,000 square mile region when a new study is completed of hitherto unpublicized radioactive burial sites.

A Federal Government survey team, which will include state government observers, will begin the study later this month.

Mr Bannon's comments were made after an unedited version of the British Government's Pearce report into the post-test clean-up operation was tabled in the Federal Parliament on Friday.

The report discloses that highly radioactive plutonium was ploughed into the desert, that dust from the area contained 90 times the maximum permitted concentration of plutonium, and that it would be dangerous for anyone to spend more than 90 hours a year in the area.

Kandahar setback for Afghan guerrillas

By Hazhir Teimourian

Reports just reaching London speak of a major clash in the centre of the southern city of Kandahar in Afghanistan on April 25 which resulted in heavy losses for anti-Soviet guerrillas.

A column of 38 Soviet tanks and personnel carriers setting out for the region of Zabul, was attacked by the guerrillas, exile sources say. After initial rebel successes, the district of Akhond Saheb was surrounded by Soviet and Afghan government reinforcements, and repeatedly bombed from the air.

The guerrillas managed to recover the bodies of 11 of their dead, but many others were left behind, the sources said. Seventeen men were captured alive. Also captured were many cherished weapons, including two rocket-launchers, two 80mm guns, and mortars. The overall commander of the operation, Mr Haji Lateef, of the moderate National Islamic Front, was wounded.

The previous day, guerrillas of the same organization had captured the important garrison of Ali Kheir on the border with the North-West Frontier province of Pakistan, forcing the aerial evacuation of several hundred Soviet and Afghan government troops who had controlled the strategic crossing for two years.

Njonjo wins delay in testifying at inquiry

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

A judicial inquiry into allegations that the former Minister of Constitutional Affairs, Mr Charles Njonjo, abused his position or plotted against President Moi continues here this week after a ruling by three Hign Court judges that he should not be called to give evidence at this stage.

Mr Njonjo has strongly denied suggestions that he was a "traitor" to President Moi, or that he had been involved in any plot against the constitution. The inquiry has been sitting since January.

Some MPS have said that an Njonjo group in Parliament was trying to gain support there, but their evidence has been contested and people said to have been involved have denied it.

The counsel leading evidence, Mr Lee Muthoga, caused surprise last week when he said, without warning, that Mr Njonjo should be called to give evidence. Mr Njonjo's counsel, Mr W. S. Deverell, objected, more witnesses were still to be called to give evidence supporting allegations against Mr Njonjo.

Despite the lengthy proceedings, no evidence has been brought to implicate Mr Njonjo in any plot, he said. It would be against natural justice to call him at this stage if further allegations were to be made later.

Mr Deverell said the inquiry had not been told why Mr Njonjo should be called to give evidence then, and repeated complaints that he had been given no indication of what witnesses were to be called, or what allegations they would make.

There were sharp exchanges between Mr Deverell and the commission, headed by Mr Justice Cecil Miller. The judges accused Mr Deverell of lack of respect, and said it was rude for him to ask them to consider how they would feel if asked to reply to allegations which had not been detailed to them.

The judges, however, ruled that Mr Njonjo should not be called as a witness at this stage.

Mr Njonjo, for many years a prominent government figure, resigned his parliamentary seat last year after President Moi sparked a political crisis by announcing that another Kenyan was being groomed by an unnamed foreign power to become president. Some MPs said in Parliament that Mr Njonjo was the "traitor".

The inquiry was set up to investigate the allegations. Its terms of reference require it to establish whether Mr Njonjo was linked with the abortive coup attempt here in 1982, or with the mercenary attack in the Seychelles in 1981. No evidence has been brought of any such links.

Home again

Long Beach, California (AFP) – Thousands gathered here to greet the US battleship New Jersey as it returned to its home port with 1,500 Marines on board after eight months off the coast of Lebanon.

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Three ages of Julie Christie: a Rank starlet; an Oscar for Darling; protesting against Trident

Julie Christie, once a Sixties starlet, then a Hollywood success, now lives in Wales and backs radical political causes. **Marcel Berlins** met her to talk about her new film – a feminist parable made entirely by women.

Digging for real gold in the hills



Christie in *The Gold Diggers*: 'We haven't stopped questing yet'

It had been made clear by her friend that this was to be a serious interview. Julie Christie does not like talking about showbiz, or being a star, or her love life, or indeed herself. But she was in a new film, and we could talk about that.

What did I think of it, she asked me. This was not the way interviews are supposed to be conducted. I murmured a few words about visually stunning, interesting composition, exciting images, haunting music and so on, and ventured that perhaps I hadn't completely appreciated all its complexities. "Did you get the fact that women are worshipped as objects the same way as money is worshipped?", she asked kindly. Yes, I'd got that far. She nodded, relieved.

The film is *The Gold Diggers*, now at the National Film Theatre. It is not only a feminist film, but also an all-women venture, from the director (Sally Potter) to the most junior electrician. I found its dialogue and voice-overs a little pretentious I said timidly. It was too much of a Yet-film – characters kept saying things like: "I am continuously moving, yet I am still."

I was perhaps showing my age a bit, Miss Christie suggested, although not in so many words. "There are always going to be films made by young people making discoveries for themselves, so there will always be Yet-films. Everything in that film is a quest. We're past Yet-films, we've seen them before: we haven't stopped questing but perhaps we've stopped showing we're questing quite so clearly." Her use of the first person plural jolted me, reminded me of her age.

She is 43 now, and seems comfortable with it. Her features are softer than they appear on the screen, her jaw less arrogant, her mouth less full. She was shorter than I had expected, and neater, wearing a white blouse, severe black skirt and black patterned stockings.

Her beauty is more restful than challenging. She speaks with animation, her fingers and hands working enthusiastically to fill gaps when occasionally, words don't come. She listens carefully, pauses for a while, and responds; at first precisely and then, as other thoughts strike her, leaving sentences unfinished as she develops new themes.

It is more than 20 years since the cameras followed Julie Christie on the walk that was to make her the eloquent symbol of a generation. Her part in *Billy Liar* lasted only a few minutes, but it told us everthing there was to know about the 1960s Girl – smiling, carefree, direct, innocently provocative, glowing with sexuality, nonchalantly attired, happy to make mistakes, happy to be English. It didn't last long, but Christie was its prototype. *Darling* and *Dr Zhivago* followed. For a while Christie was Superstar: beautiful, talented, and British.

She has found it difficult to shake off that image. Even today most people's immediate reaction to her name, and expectation of her personality, is rooted in her 1960s guise.

"It's been a puzzle to me. I've got a very, very bad memory. I'm almost amnesiac. So people have a better memory of me than I have of myself. And I'm very surprised that people expect me to be something which I don't remember. I don't know that thing I was supposed to have been. It's a stranger to me. And it's very peculiar that people carry around them something which is a stranger to me, and let that image get in the way of what I know I am."

The contrast between the unreality of the worshipped woman on a male erected pedestal, and women's real status in a male-dominated world, is one of the themes of *The Gold Diggers*. Christie's own attempt to discard the pedestal included an almost total, unactressy public silence.

The end of 1960s Julie came, for her, before the decade actually ended. She went to America, had a much-publicized liaison with Warren Beatty, made a few films – some of them good but none great commercial successes – and faded from the forefront of British consciousness. Shunning publicity, giving few interviews, she spent the latter half of the 1970s back in Britain, quietly making a few more interesting, mainly uncommercial films.

She has reemerged now, though, not fully, still wary of publicity and media attention. "For a short time, in the 1960s, I colluded with the press. I stopped because I became exhausted and nervous. What made me nervous was the basic dishonesty of the whole act, the pointlessness of talking about yourself. Recently I've recognized that I can use publicity, not to talk about myself but about things I want to say".

What she has to say is mainly about issues and causes, rather than politics. She has neither Vanessa Redgrave's obsession with the philosophy of political power, nor Jane Fonda's articulate populist appeal. Her public and publicized utterances so far have encompassed anti-nuclearism (she was active years before cruise and Greenham Common restored the movement to the headlines), animal experimentation, Barclays Bank investments in South Africa and, lately, Nicaragua.

Her feminism, until *The Gold Diggers*, was on a more personal scale. She has consistently refused parts offered to her where she has felt that the woman in the role was being treated patronizingly or subserviently. She was offered the role of the radio reporter in *Under Fire* but thought, on reading the script, that it lacked respect for women war journalists.

The woman she played in *Heat and Dust* was not particularly strong, "but at least she didn't do things *through* a man. That's what I object to, parts in which women do things through the male protagonists. Playing those sorts of roles can't change anything."

Working on *The Gold Diggers*, with an all-woman crew, was "as an experience, the most satisfying film I've ever worked on. It makes an amazing difference, being just with women. In all my other films, almost everyone around me was male. It's a slightly lonely position, which you tackle by bantering, and creating a sort of bonhomie. It's a very flirtatious situation.

"It was an enormous relief being with women. There are all sorts of odd things you can do with your own sex which you don't do when there's a man around, even something as trivial as lifting up your skirt and scratching your behind when you feel like it. All the censoring you did when you were with men was unnecessary. Language, behaviour, everything was uncensored.

"And we'd all had a similar politicization process. Women technicians especially have such a raw deal; in getting trained, in finding jobs and so on. And they've become politicized just in trying to find work. Because of our common experience, we could communicate everything in shorthand and it was delightful being able to do that. There was no need for explanations."

Her film career had taken a curious path. Once among the most bankable actresses in the world, her recent films are usually destined for the small independent cinemas or, like *The Gold Diggers*, the film societies; some quickly achieve oblivion. *Heat and Dust* was an exception, but its success was on a modest scale. Why has she apparently abandoned the mainstream?

"I haven't stopped being offered mainstream films. But I'm very pernickety, very picky, and happy to be so. I look at a script and think, 'this is reinforcing this or that prejudice or attitude', and I turn it down."

"I haven't deliberately chosen to go down a particular line. A line happens to me. I don't construct my career. I'm not the kind of person that makes things happen from source. I'm not an instigator – haven't got the drive. I do my best with what I get offered."

For somone who appears so keen to get her views across, this seems a surprisingly placid and timid approach to her work. She has a good reputation, good contacts, and presumably, access to sufficient funds to set up a production company to make the sort of films she wants. Fonda, I point out, has managed to combine mainstream acting and production with promotion of her political causes.

"You can't become a different person. Besides, I can't count, and I have a horror of dates and numbers. I prefer to take advice and do what other people suggest."

I ask her about her next project. She won't tell me what it is, but says, "Perhaps if it comes off I'll become all those things we've said I'm not."

As I had expected, she neither offered nor accepted, any discussion of her private life, except to confirm that she is still together with journalist Duncan Campbell (the one at *City Limits*, not the *New Statesman*). But she lives mainly in Wales now with friends and animals, in the farmhouse to which she retreated when America grew stale for her.

She comes to London as seldom as possible. This time she was on her way to Lisbon, for an emergency convention on Nicaragua. A recent visit there has affected her deeply, and made her passionately critical of American policy towards it.

I make a cynical comment about Nicaragua being flavour of the month, while worse deprivations and atrocities are being committed in a host of countries around the world, ignored by the stars and the famous. "It's the flavour of the month because it's on a knife edge. But it can still be saved – something can still happen. Afterwards it won't be the flavour of the month because the United States will destoy it. These people are going to die. I've met them and I care about them, and if we don't do anything they'll die.

moreover . . . Miles Kington

Let them eat gateau

In these days of quick change and fickle public loyalty, it was wonderful to learn that one thing still stays the same: that the favourite menu of the British when dining out is still prawn cocktail and steak and chips, with peas, followed by Black Forest gateau. And no-one is more delighted than Ernest Ventaxia, head chef at the Pork Scratchings service area on the M1, where the Richard Attenborough Grill 'n' Griddle is one of the most frequented restaurants in Britain.

"People are always going to scoff," says Ernest. "In both senses of the word. They're going to say that the British are unimaginative and unadventurous. But, *blimey, the British have got tradition*, that's what they've got. If you took a poll like this in France, you'd probably find that *nouvelle* cuisine had swept the board and that the French idea of a night out was kiwi fruit soup followed by Camembert sorbet. They've forgotten all about *vieille* cuisine, you see. Mark you, the English haven't cottoned on to *vieille* cuisine yet, but give them time."

Ernest reckons he must serve upward of ten thousand prawn cocktails every day, with the same number of steaks and a lot more of chips. It's not just passing trade he gets: people come back time after time to sample his cooking. But why?

"Difficult to say. Partly loyalty, partly word of mouth. Mostly, though, it's because there'd nowhere else to eat. Yet people also come here for functions – I mean, I've done weddings, 21st parties, army reunions, you name it. There's one Good Food Guide inspector comes here a lot. Know why? Because he knows he won't bump into any Good Food Guide readers. Load of snobs.

"They're the kind that will tell you that the British always play safe. But, blimey, prawn cocktail is as foreign as you like, Mediterranean, I'd guess. Steak and chips is very popular in Belgium. Steak *frites*, I believe they call it. The French eat a lot of peas. Mark you, only the British mash them with the back of their fork, but that's tradition for you again. And Black Forest gateau – well, how foreign can you get?

Ernest Ventaxia (the name is Greek and means heavenly fragrance) does other dishes, of course. Cream of tomato soup is one. Roast chicken is another. Fried plaice and mixed grill are two more. Various ices is another seven or eight. But these he regards as verging on the exotic, and he's at his happiest when sticking to prawn, steak and gateau.

"Nobody thinks it odd to drink the same brand of bitter every night, so why should it be odd to eat the same menu every night? Is it wrong to kiss the same wife every night? Well, then."

If you'd like to try cooking this popular British meal for yourself, here's how Ernest does it

Prawn cocktail. Into a wine glass put enough shredded lettuce to reach the brim. Add nearly half a dozen prawns (frozen are best) and top with Million Island Dressing from a catering dispenser. If business is slack, decorate with a sliver of lemon.

Steak, chips and peas. The customer will tell you whether he wants the steak well done, medium or rare. Whatever, cook it the night before and heat up at the last moment in a micro-wave oven. Chips should be cooked in a cauldron of deep fat, 2,000 at a time – enough for 100 people. The best kinds of chips are those found in large sacks left outside the door early in the morning. Peas come from a tin; follow instructions on label. Garnish with salad left-overs from prawn cocktail.

Black Forest Gateau. Remove from box and serve.

Et voila – a perfect meal! No wonder it's number one in Britain. And don't forget: if you present this copy of *Moreover* at the Pork Scratchings Service Area, you'll get a *free* cup of coffee, boiled according to Ernest Ventaxia's own special method.

FINDINGS

A series reporting on research
AUSTRALIAN FOSSILS

Larger than life land

Australia is perhaps the earth's oldest separate land mass. That and the continent's isolation from mankind have made it a repository for some of the globe's most extraordinary animals. Recent researchers into the fossil record, however, are beginning to show that in the past Australia's animal population was even more astonishing than it is today.

Marsupials, predictably, featured prominently in this catalogue of strange beasts. Take the *diprotodon*, for example. A massive pouched herbivore ten feet long and six feet tall at the shoulder, it was probably the biggest marsupial ever live. Recent finds have been made at Tambar Springs in New South Wales, and at Dinosaur Cove in Victoria. The latter, made in the last few weeks, it thought to be the most perfect *diprotodon* skull ever found, and was unearthed by Dr Tom Rich of the Victorian Museum in Melbourne.



The perfect diprotodon skull

Maxi-emu



The emu too has larger-than-life relatives. *Dromornis stirtoni* looked like an elephantine emu, ten feet tall a weighing half a ton. The largest bird known from anywhere in the world, it possibly survived until a few thousand years ago. It may be the souce of persistant Aboriginal myths which refer to gigantic emus.

These creatures and others like them have caught the imagination of the Australian public in unprecedented fashion over the last few months. A display of dinosaurs from China staged in Sydney and Melbourne recently drew hundreds of thousands of visitors and was probably the most popular public exhibition ever staged in Australia. As many as 10 per cent of the entire population of the two cities are thought to have made a visit

Fossil-pack

Finds from Riversleigh Station in North-western Queensland amount to one of the most exciting fossil discoveries made in Australia recently. The site is mid-Miocene, about 12-15 million years old. The fossils, preserved in limestone, are packed together in thousands.

Four completely new species of bats have come to light at Riversleigh, some with close relatives in Europe. Until quite recently bats were thought to have arrived in Australia a mere half-million years ago from Asia. Now experts consider them among the continent's earliest placental pioneers.

Nine species of fossil bandicoots have also been found. Only two, much more recent, species had appeared in the Australian fossil series previously.

The standard of preservation is extraordinary. In some cases skeletons have survived virtually complete – something almost unknown in the Australian Miocene record. Whole skulls are preserved intact, and occasionally even perfect casts of brains.

What happened at Riversleigh to lead to such preservation is unclear. "There may have been shallow pools with steep sides", says excavation team leader Dr Michael Archer. "Maybe in the dry season there was a margin of sticky mud left at the water's edge, which trapped the animals when they came to drink. The hundreds of bats we have found would suggest that some of the pools may have been in the mouths of caves. But we really don't know."

Pollen check

At the Australian National University in Canberra, high technology is playing its part in deciphering the fossil story. A computer package called Polsta has been developed by ANU bio-mathematician Dr David Green. It allows the rapid and accurate interpretation of pollen records – essential to the work of botanists and palaeobotanists – and will soon be available worldwide.

In the ANU's Department of Geology two young researchers have devised a method of recovering data which could have wide repercussions in the world of palaeontology.

Henryk Zapasnik and Paul Johnston perfected the technique, which involves immersing fossil-bearing rock in hydrochloric acid in evacuated conditions. The acid dissolves the fossils, which are replaced with a liquid plastic and the surrounding rock is then dissolved in a stronger acid. The result is a collection of perfect plastic casts of the dissolved fossils. Particularly useful for fossils hidden within the body of a rock sample, the technique works well even with tiny specimens under one millimetre in length.

Stone puzzle



A detective story in stone which has puzzled experts for 100 years is drawing to a close for Dr Alex Ritchie, curator of palaeontology at the Australian Museum in Sydney. Ritchie has been on the trail of *Groenlandaspis*, an armoured fish 350 million years old, and until recently known only from Greenland.

Ritchie found examples of the fish in 1970 to 71 during an exhibition to Antarctica, where Scott's ill-fated party had reported the existence of fossile fish back in 1911. It seemed clear that the fish could hardly have existed at opposite ends of the globe, but nowhere in between.

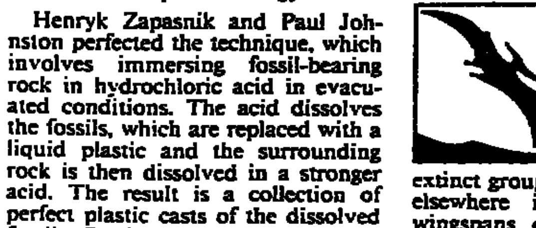
Acting on his hunch, Ritchie and assistant Robert Jones joined an army training trip to the rugged Jemalong Range in Central NSW. He came back with army trucks loaded with rock and the first Australian finds.

More recently, on a study trip to Europe, Ritchie trusted his instinct again and searched several museum collections in Britain. Sure enough, within a week he found specimens of the elusive fish.

"Now that we know better what we are looking for, the fish are turning up all over the place", says Alex Ritchie.

***Groenlandaspis* had a final trick to play on Alex Ritchie. It turned up in one last place – in a slab of fossil-bearing rock which had been under glass in Ritchie's own gallery since 1966.**

Old tracks



Queensland is dinosaur country. Dr Ralph Monar of the Queensland Museum in Brisbane has unearthed Australia's first pterosaur, a member of a long-extinct group of flying reptiles which elsewhere in the world reached wingspans of up to 50 feet. The Queensland version is a "small" six-foot-wingspan model, but it is quite impressive enough.

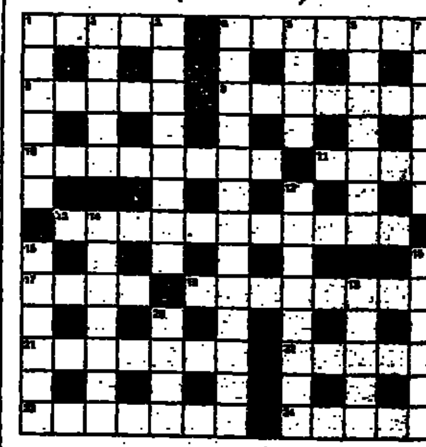
Queensland scientists are looking closely at Cretaceous sites. This is the period, between 65 and 135 million years ago, when mammals are thought to have started progression towards their modern forms. Land-based vertebrates of this age are rare in Australia, but traces of them are not unknown.

Dr Tony Thulborn of the University of Queensland at St Lucia and Dr Mary Wade of the Queensland Museum are currently studying a dinosaur trackway from the Cretaceous period.

Fossilized dinosaur trackways are not unknown. Other examples have been found in South Africa, North America and Germany, for example. But the Queensland trackway is among the best-studied. From it Thulborn and Wade have been able to learn something about the social behaviour of dinosaurs, and even the speed at which they lumbered across the once-muddy surface – about nine mph.

Tim Griggs

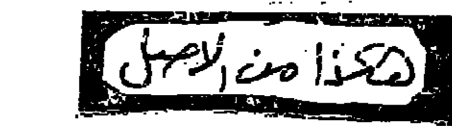
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Recommended dictionary is the New Collins Concise



MONDAY PAGE

Coming to the aid of the party

Growing up and learning social graces is seldom easy. Margaret Drummond gives a bank holiday report on the pitfalls of giving parties and Sarah Hogg offers a personal view



Party-goers: Cressida Miller (left), aged 15, loves Islington parties best, but her sister Lucasta, aged 17, now finds them rather a bore

One social event which went mercifully unreported in the gossip columns last year was my daughter's fifth birthday party. It was a disaster. I thought I had been terribly clever planning babies, thus avoiding having birthday parties inside the house. But on the day of June 22 a tropical storm broke at 4pm, just as 15 children arrived. Sausage rolls, jellies and a dozen now sodden varieties of crisps and monster munchies were whisked into the kitchen where the children pushed and shoved, two-to-a-chair. Worse came when the electricity was cut off in the middle of musical bumps. Ed Stewart and his top ten kiddies' favourites were upstaged by frantic screams as the lightning flashed. To cap it all, the lady from the village who had prepared all the games and prizes was one and a half hours late – her bathroom had flooded. No more parties, I decided. From now on it was going to be small select groups to the pictures followed by hamburgers at McDonald's.

Beyond oranges and lemons

Everyone, apparently, reaches the stage of realizing that Oranges and Lemons plus a motor car lovingly sculpted from chocolate sponge and Smarties is either not enough for the kids, or simply too much effort for parents. "It's hopeless having parties for boys after the age of eight," said my doctor last weekend when I delivered Lucy to his five-year-old's birthday thrash. "It's just awful, you can't do a thing with them." His 10-year-old son had broken a collar bone at a party just before Christmas – while dancing, apparently.

According to older and more experienced mums I am at the second stage of party-giving. Little girls enter a no-man's land between the ages of seven and 12 with tea at a hotel a great favourite, or an outing to the theatre. Boys go in for pool parties, trampoline parties (strictly before tea) or the pictures. My seven-year-old son is already planning his August spectacular – a film, tea at the swimming pool and five-a-side football when they get home.

I should be grateful. For very soon we shall be worrying not what to do with them, but what not to let them do. The problems of parties appear to get worse as the children get older.

It seems 13 is the unlucky age. That is the beginning of the third, and most excruciating stage of the party scene.

"It's a nightmare," Jennifer Woodley from Sheffield, says. "From about the age of 11 they start hankering for something more grown up, but they don't know quite what it is. It's not organized games – it's disco music and crêpe paper over the lightbulbs and some kind of buffet – sandwiches and sit down teas are out. Last year Rhinnon turned 13 and demanded a "proper" party. The pressure was on. OK, finish at 10 we said. There was an argument, and amazingly we were browbeaten by our own friends who said we couldn't shame her. We compromised, but she backed out of the whole thing before we got down to arguing about alcohol. She was new in her school and didn't really know what sort of party she should be giving. She'll know next year, of course, and I am dreading it".

And no wonder. The memories of parents who have given parties for their teenage children, and lived to tell the tale, make lurid listening.

"Drink is the real problem," said a Sussex mother, "you could have quite a big age range at a teenage party – 14-year-olds who have never tasted a drop and, 17-year-olds who can manage a fair amount. When our eldest daughter turned 16 we compromised – we had to add the brandy to the punch *in* front of her so honour was satisfied. No other spirits allowed. Three girls smuggled in a bottle of Martini that time. The second party we gave for the next daughter we frisked the guests at the door. At the first party we invited some of our own friends round for the evening in another room. For the second we patrolled the house and our friends simply couldn't face it again. The guests had to stay the night and we all went to bed at two – or so I thought. When I got up the next morning I wondered why all the children looked so exhausted. Weeks later I discovered that they had all got up again after we were asleep and played strip poker till dawn."

But worse can happen. Winston Fletcher, head of the Ted Bates advertising agency gave an 18th birthday party for his daughter Amelia at his home in Oxfordshire last New Year's Eve and has been dining out on the strength of it ever since.

Gatecrashers are a real problem

"The mess was quite unbelievable", he says. "I really hadn't realized how difficult it is to cope with inebriated 18-year-old boys – particularly when they are all bigger and stronger than you. I am absolutely certain there was no intentional vandalism or anything. But there was a great deal of damage with broken bottles and cigarettes – it would have been far worse of I hadn't insisted on paper cups. Two of my daughter's girl friends were so frightened of the boys they came upstairs and watched TV with me – rather sweet really. We live in a very remote area so I insisted that people bring sleeping bags and stay the night. I went to bed at two; woke up at *four to the sound of a picture* smashing. I got up just after six absolutely furious. But when they all finally came-to, they were terribly polite and helped clean up. One said to me 'I don't suppose it's any consolation, but this is only average debris'. We spent two days shampooing the carpets and had to have the main rooms in the house repainted."

Party-giving parents seem a benevolent bunch, agonising *over how to give their children* a good time with the minimum damage to life, limb and the furniture while wondering whether they should disappear completely, go upstairs or play sergeant-major.

John Whitmore, from Kent, gave a sixteenth birthday party for his daughter Christina a few weeks ago. "There was a lot of mess, but it went off very well. Christina wanted us to stay around. She told us to put things in the house away. We made the party strictly by invitation only - gatecrashers are a real problem and we had a live band. You have to make these things different in some way."

Cambridge stockbroker's wife Sally Oliver, a proud mother of Sophie, who is 14, told me "quiet honestly they have so many discos at this age, it's a bore. We are organizing parties to these teenage charity balls for the first time this year. They are all listed in the Sloane Ranger Handbook - it's come in awfully useful - and the cost is about £15 a head. It's good because they'll be used to it by the time they are 18 and getting all self conscious."

But what do the children themselves think of the party scene- and the way parents behave?

'We spent two days shampooing the carpets and had to have the main rooms in the house repainted'



Drinking: Winston Fletcher

Having a ball: Sophie, 14, and her mother Sally

My guide here was Cressida *Miller, a 15-year-old North* Londoner with an encyclopaedic knowledge of party scene. The worst party she ever went to, was in a rather grand house in the country. When we arrived we found the father walking the grounds with his shotgun and dogs," she says. "The mother had expected about 30 people, but 100 had actually been invited. She thought we were all gate-crashers and spent the evening trying to get us to in the horse box and cart us off to the nearest station. Because it was so far out we expected to stay the night, so after the party she locked all the girls in one room for the night – we couldn't even open the window and had to beg to the loo."

The "best parties in the world" are in Islington, according to Cressida. "Everyone goes to Islington parties." Hampstead parties aren't so good. "No one can ever find the right address." But her elder sister, 17-year-old Lucasta has outgrown parties. Lucasta is taking *A levels at Westminster School*, which has had a sobering effect on her partying.

"At the moment I like having friends round for dinner instead," she says. "In my first year at Westminster I used to think all that loud music in dark rooms with people stumbling around in their sunglasses was rather glamourous and risqué, but I'm slightly bored by it now."

The labour of love leads to this . .



Glamour: Charlotte Hogg

It felt like the beginning of the end, but it seems to have been just the end of the beginning. My friend Anna and I have just given our first disco for her Robert, 14, and my Charlotte, 13. With no previous experience we were like those pregnant for the first time: an easy prey to the horror stories of the old hands.

The whole labour, indeed, seemed remarkably like childbirth. We depended on that disco experts with the awe normally reserved for the medical profession. Like modern parturition, the modern party is high-tech: we were quickly immersed in the science of strobe lighting. Having the fathers there seemed equally essential. *We had gone through* children's parties with token paternal appearances in red dressing gown and cotton wool beard. But those chubby guests of yesterday had grown into daunting greenstick adults, and we needed male support.

A teenager seems to develop as fast as a foetus. Nine months ago Charlie lived in hair slides and jeans; now she monopolizes my blow-dryer and had her ears pierced for Christmas. (*Half* the class, whose mothers wouldn't pay up, did it themselves with darning needles.) For the disco, dress was black, white or gold – quite our best idea: easy for the shy, an opportunity for the exhibitionist. Robert wore cricket gear, very *Gatsby*, with the green flashes on his shoes painted gold. Watching Charlie bopping in my gold lurex, I know what it meant to lose the shirt off your back.

I knew it even better when the music, organized brilliantly by Anna, really started; because they danced, all of them, wonderfully, enthusiastically, mix'n'match, non-stop. No sticking with one partner for an hour or an evening, as I remembered: as soon as I got the Instamatic on one couple, it had split up and regrouped with much laughter and energy. Misled by our memories, we made them play a silly game after supper, fearing that *otherwise they wouldn't come* upstairs to dance: they humoured us kindly, and then got on with the real business of the evening.

An incredibly handome 16-year-old asked me to dance; Charlie confessed she'd had to promise to dance with him herself, "for a whole five minutes," to persuade him. After that Anna and I stuck to our own small sons, and withdrew before we became too much of an embarrassment.

We could have saved money on the food; we didn't accept the good advice that they were past the guzzling stage, at least while involved in the alarming experience of social life. I never want to see another chicken leg. Other dire warnings were not borne out; perhaps we were lucky. They'll smuggle in hard liquor pinched from home, we were told, to beef up the innocuous drink. Or they'll slope round to the nearest pub, which you must warn in advance. (It must, in fairness, be recorded that when two of the largest lumbered towards the front door, our "reliable" fathers vanished; but we'd paid my ten-year-old to stand guard, and he redirected them.

The cigarettes that surreptitiously appeared seemed all to be of the straight forward variety, though we'd been warned of worse in central London; the one cigar-smoker at least wasn't sick- not in our house, anyway. Boys are particularly sensitive about age, we discovered, although a 17-year-old, delivering his sister, flattered us immensely by staying to the bitter end, pronouncing the party to have "great atmosphere." (The other compliment I treasure, from one of the thank-you letters this age group can still be coeced into writing, revealed the huge risk of failure. "I know it was a good party", wrote one polished 14-*year-old, "because I've been to* lots of bad ones".

As the evening wore on, our terrifying guests turned into cheerful human beings, and our spirits rose too. Downstairs, it became like visiting hours at the maternity hospital: aren't you *clever, said* collecting relatives; oh, it was easy, we said airily, forgetting the sleepless nights wondering if the floor would hold, the furniture humping and the last-minute fuse. As I pushed Charlie under her duvet in the small hours, her eyes were as bright as the gold spray matting her hair. "I wish it could all happen again tomorrow", she said. Now, I wouldn't go quite as far as that.

Sarah Hogg

PENNY PERRICK

I still prefer gin to ginseng



Opening a pleasant-looking parcel to find an autographed copy of Barbara Cartland's *Getting Older Growing Younger** put 15 years on me in two seconds flat. (Style note: Miss Cartland's bold signature was dashed off in Cartland pink ink, to match the book's vibrant jacket).

I mean, why me? Has she noticed something that my best friends dare not mention? Dowager's hump? Terminal crowsfeet? Was there anything I could do about it? According to Miss Cartland, there certainly was. I could take scads of vitamin tablets, including Miss Cartland's special capsule called GEB6, which is a sort of cocktail that calms you down and revs you up at the same time. Also recommended is a "youth pill", known as SOD, which irons out the wrinkles you may have accumulated on account of uncalled for books dropping through the letter-box.

A trip to the health food shop, the purchase of a few magic bottles, and I could, the book suggests, join the band of aging heroines Miss Cartland most admires: Mrs Indira Gandhi, Rosalynn Carter and Diana Vreeland. Yet I hang back. For Miss Cartland, an unstoppable 82-year-old, has ideas about old age which are incompatible with my own.

The idea behind vitamin therapy, spoonfuls of honey, ginseng and thinking beautiful thoughts is that they enable you to become an old lady who is pretty much the same as the young lady you once were. Age, to Barbara Cartland, is just a continuation process – more interests, more travel and, above all, more work. One might also add more discipline and more self-control. Early nights, wholesome food, and *non-alcoholic beverages* are very much part of the Cartland plan.

At the moment, they are part of mine too for I have reached that time of life called the age of responsibility, when one gin too many could threaten my livelihood. *This* is not a period I wish to see extended. *My* vision of happy old age is a sort of belated adolescence – irresponsible, idle and shocking to those of a different generation. Unlike Miss Cartland, Mrs Gandhi, Mrs Carter and Mrs Vreeland – women it would be difficult to accuse of slopping about – I intend to lie on sofas rather than go to exercise class; eat chips and stay in bed until lunchtime.

I don't think I'll emulate Miss Cartland's style of personal presentation either. Although her eyebrows are perfect semi-circles, her eyelashes as dense and furry as bear cubs, her lips gleaming coral, I am mindful of what another ancient and beautifully camouflaged authoress once told me, which was, "The trouble with growing older is that every day you have to get up a bit earlier to look as good as you did the day before."

Should I, with or without SOD, ever reach 82, I shall consider life too short to stick on extra eyelashes. Come to *think of it,* should someone as brimful of vitamins as Miss Cartland *need* all the gorgeous artifice she paints on daily? Maybe she has yet to discover a potion that gives you naturally turquoise eyelids.

How wonderful is the old age of Miss Cartland, for here she is writing more than 20 books a year, just as she did in her middle years and those of her youth. And how equally wonderful will be my own golden age (provided that I reach it) since my plan is, after a lifetime of prim properness, to grow old disgracefully.

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● There's a war going on around here, and its name is Women versus The Computer. Two of the most worked-over battlegrounds in the affray are the home and the office, both areas which are currently full of walking wounded. Bill Wyman's girlfriend Kelly is one of them. She thought that life with a Rolling Stone would be exciting, but all Bill wants to do all day is press buttons. "God, I hate it", said Kelly. "The computer is his girlfriend, not me. He certainly spends more time with it. We have terrible rows about it, during which I scream and scream."

In the workplace, women who've been made redundant by a winking machine know that screaming won't do them much good so they've taken to computer crime instead.

In Austria, more than half of all technological villainy is carried out by women, using tactics designed to bring about the utmost confusion in the enemy ranks. Female operators, just for the heck of it, wipe out their computer's memory and feed in duff programmes which lead to crazy computed decision-making. Tomorrow, I have been summoned to meet the office computer to fool around a little. It had better not get on the wrong side of me, that's all.

COMMENT

Out of school

It is not normal for parents to take strike action against their children. Responsible mothers and fathers rarely withdraw parental services to gain pecuniary advantage.

It is curious, therefore, that schoolteachers who are contracted to stand *in loco parentis* and *who are paid thousands of* pounds a year for so doing, do not hesitate to take disruptive strike action.

The abandoned youngsters, who have a right or two of their own, are left to ponder the aggressive absenteeism of those *who aspire to educate them.* Are we to suppose that they find the example of their elders inspirational?

It would be unfair to give the impression that all the teachers' unions are equally keen to desert the blackboards and overhead projectors at the drop of an increment. But the two largest, known affectionately in the trade as the "nutters" and the "nasties" (NUT and NAS/UWT National Association of Schoolmasters Union of Women Teachers), respect a bit of firm discipline. When their leaders say "Out", out they all go and no arguing.

At the heart of the teachers' militancy on pay there lies a single massive misconception: "schools exist for the benefit of their staff." Or "the function of *education is to provide safe* unscrutinized jobs for the educators." What has been lost is the notion of education as a disinterested service to the young; that a teacher's vocation is to teach whatever the cost and sacrifice.

These are unfashionable views, but society needs to rediscover them. Most teachers are paid far too much already. And they are paid it, in many cases, for doing far too little. Teachers have vast lengthy holidays, they are practically *unaccountable* as to their efficiency, they enjoy almost boundless autonomy in their own classrooms and are nearly impossible to sack.

If a person's aim in life is to make money, he should go into business, commerce or coal *mining. If his instincts lead him* to shoot from the mouth he should become a politician or a lawyer. But if he has a vocation to give to others he must go into the church, medicine, social work or teaching.

Such a person has no need of a union. It is a *professional* association that he deserves – and that is a *very* different thing.

John Pearman

The author is a London headmaster.

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PARIS DIARY

Frank Johnson

Privacy made public

In this city, a sign that a politician, an entertainer or a public figure is really unfamous is when they have not been asked to say something in public about their private beliefs or private parts. In one such collection, the venerable rock 'n' roll artist, M Johnny Halliday, combines the two in one answer: "I believed in God until the day when the priest put his hand on my bottom."

This may be unsound theology, but we students of this French confessional literature regard it as masterly summation of the form. The anthology in which M Halliday makes this contribution is called *Police Raid*. The idea being that a lot of famous people have been rounded up and are being questioned by the police. The conventions of such books pose problems for the people being questioned. How to make oneself sufficiently interesting to ensure that one's contribution stays in the book, and thus adds to one's fame, while at the same time not creating insuperable difficulties with wives, husbands, families, voters or the law.

Thus a well-known pop singer named Sheila (no surname) is on interesting, but finally safe, ground when she denies an apparently widespread rumour that, when she went into hospital with a sudden illness, it was really to have an operation changing her into a man. "It is as unbelievable as saying 'De Gaulle is a homosexual'," said Mme Sheila. "I am a woman. I have a video film of my child being born," she adds perhaps conclusively.

In the same volume, M Yves Montand, who has just published a book, denouncing the left of which he was once a great figure, confesses that he was once in love with a young boy. But he quickly goes on to explain that he too was a young boy at the time, and then talks a lot about Mme Simone Signoret and his children. And so all is well. Has he ever touched hashish? he is asked. "Yes", he replies. All France waits with foreboding for further clarification. "Two or three times in 1968 in Hollywood. It just made me lark about."

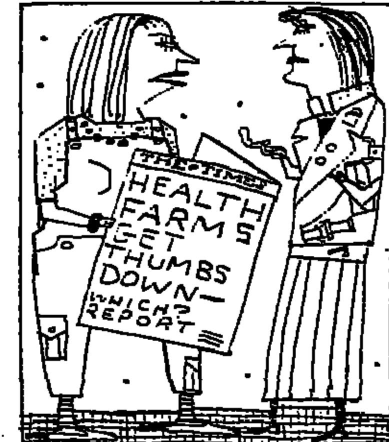
Next General Bigeard, famous because he is France's most decorated soldier and because he is always being quoted in books like this. First he confirms that he is France's most decorated soldier. "I've got the Croix de Guerre, 25 citations, the Grand Cross of the Legion d'Honneur not counting the American and British stuff. If I put on all my medals, it would be worse than Bokassa." His confession: when he was in a coma, as a result of an accident with his parachute, he distinctly heard a doctor say: "If he comes out of this, he'll be intellectually useless."

No such hostages to fortune are given by the politicians. Several of them are to be found in another, book called *Happiness, Life, Death, God* ... edited by M Jean-Yves Boulic, which work, as its title suggests, covers everything. "When I think of God", President Mitterrand replies, "no name comes spontaneously to mind. I am habituated to consider that the representation, if not the existence even of such a God, is identified with Jesus Christ, because I have been formed and I live in a society where that representation is dominant . . . should I believe in God, that would not make me believe that I am sure to last after my life under one form or another assuring my identity," which would appear to ready M Mitterrand for all possibilities.

Asked about God, Miss Jane Birkin, a British actress who has gone native here, replied: "I was seduced", which suggested that she had changed the subject. "I was seduced from my youngest days by the destiny of saints," she said, clarifying her position. A second British girl, Miss Charlotte Rampling, who being bilingual appears in almost as many films here as in Britain, continues with tremendous form shown by Miss Birkin in this essentially French sport. "I believe that there is in space an absolute force which is not god in the religious sense of the word, something which controls this planet. The inexplicable: the cosmic force," says Miss Rampling, thrashing President Mitterrand at his own game.

General Bigeard was included in this one, too. ". . . 40 years of the military life and 22 years of war in Indo-China and Algeria . . . God? But I do not know him. He has never shown himself to me. But I always believed in Father Christmas." It was unclear whether the general had formed this opinion before or after he came out of that coma.

BARRY FANTONI



"Gerald went to one and lost three inches off the thickness of his wallet."

A picture of health

Brian Edwards, administrator of Trent Regional Health Authority, answers the critics of the Government's NHS reforms

The Government's plans to introduce general managers throughout the National Health Service has, like any change in the NHS, produced a mighty groundswell of resistance.

Doctors fear for their clinical freedom. Nurses fear they are about to become once again "handmaidens" to doctors and new autocratic chief executives. The death of "consensus" in NHS management is proclaimed.

I believe many of these fears to be groundless, and that the Griffiths report on NHS management offers an exciting and challenging future.

Here is my vision of the future at a meeting of the executive team of a large hospital in three or four years' time, chaired by its new Griffiths-style general manager.

The first point to note is that the NHS is still around – neither Griffiths nor the Government has destroyed it.

It is an interesting time for the NHS. For the latest public expenditure white paper has just shown, for the first time in years, a doubling of the growth rate for the NHS.

The reason is that the new chairman of the NHS management board, asked the question when he was first appointed: "How can I make a decisive impact on the health of people in this country, and how much will it cost me?" Because he linked investment with specific results, he got approval for the first national action plan for health.

The Department of Health, by this time, is almost unrecognizable. It is down from 2,500 to some 200 staff, a blend of civil servants and NHS managers. Euston Tower and Hannibal House, two of the mighty office blocks of the DHSS, have been sold off.

There is much less interference from the department in the day to day management of hospitals. Regions, districts and hospitals are left to get on with the job. But those left at the centre are much tougher on the strategic issues – setting targets and demanding evidence that they are being met. The unit team at my hospital is working out what it can deliver in return for a slice of the extra money.

The general manager is bringing his colleagues up to date with the first round of consultant reviews. In this hospital, beds, operating theatre time and out-patient facilities are allocated to each consultant on a five-year basis. In the fourth year, the consultant meets the general manager and medical colleagues to review the way resources have been used, and what changes are proposed.

An elderly consultant surgeon has has agreed to give up two sessions a week to a younger, more energetic orthopaedic surgeon. That fits with the hospital's target of cutting the waiting list for hip transplants.

The ophthalmologists have agreed to reduce their beds for eye patients, in return for better access to a day surgery unit. The obstetricians, after a debate that can only be termed "vigorous", have agreed they can cut the number of maternity beds while still providing the same service.

One physician is standing firm against a change on a point of principle. It is agreed he can put his case direct to members of the health authority.

This process has proved difficult and challenging to the consultants. But they have gone along with it because they have been involved in the discussions that led to decisions, and they can see they are getting more out of the resources available and can thus treat more patients.

The nursing officer, who because of her special skills is personally responsible for reshaping the mental handicap services (not just the nursing component, but the whole service), gives her report.

In this unit, narrow disciplinary or professional barriers are being broken down – the job to be done and skills and strengths of the more senior managers are more important than their discipline.

The general manager then asks each colleague for their contribution to the new Quality Assurance Programme.

The outpatient manager – a new post – reports that patients are no longer just going to be called in for appointments, but consulted on convenient dates. If the doctor is late, they will be given an explanation. He mentions the improved tea service and supply of flowers, sponsored by a local firm, for outpatients. The consultant remarks wryly "the way we are going, NHS patients are going to get a better service than in my private rooms".

The general manager asks what has happened to patient food services. There is a difficulty because the catering, nursing and portering staff can't agree. He intervenes, chairs a meeting and sorts it out.

The works officer agrees a standard for the bed head units, with their call buttons, radios and oxygen supplies. They will all work within three months – for the first time ever – and will be fixed within 24 hours.

The general manager has been in his job for two years. His blond hair has turned white. But he is surviving and his staff have a strong sense of purpose and achievement. He sees his job as leading a team. He is careful about intervening in professional matters, and scrupulous about doctors' clinical freedom. But he does demand results, and he gets them.

The meeting could include a range of other items: how the preventitive health programme is to be run, what further information doctors need to draw up better clinical budgets.

Like his counterparts higher up the service, the general manager is demanding a clear return on investment, and wants results measured. Morale is high, staff are proud of the service, resources better used and patients more satisfied. MPs are becoming convinced that the NHS really is good value for money.

Bernard Levin views the Pre-Raphaelite 'pack of lies' at the Tate

The Pre-Raphaelite style. Left: Millais' *The Blind Girl*; top: *Christ in the House of His Parents* by Solomon and Millais and, above, *The Death of Chatterton*, by Wallis – "The poet has plainly never been alive".

The barren Brotherhood

In 1967, the Royal Academy put on a very large exhibition of the work of Sir John Millais, PRA, the first such show to be mounted for a good many decades; I felt I ought to go, as I had never seen any substantial number of the works of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood at one time, let alone nearly 400 by a single member of the group.

After about three-quarters of an hour touring the Academy's Millais-laden walls, I began to feel very ill, and after a further half-hour, I began to suffer from hallucinations; half an hour after that, I rushed screaming into the street, and I knew no more until I came to in a darkened room which, I noted with some surprise, had bars on the windows. I was told by the police officer at my bedside that I had been arrested when sitting stark naked in Fortnum and Mason's Soda Fountain, drinking cup after cup of hot chocolate and insisting that I was the Empress Dowager of China.

Very careful nursing, and the love of a good woman (several, actually), enabled me to leave the institution in a matter of months (my friends in high places had seen to it that the scandal was hushed up, and an anonymous benefactor paid Fortnum's bill for the hot chocolate). I was told by the doctors that the twitch would be permanent, as would my habit of suddenly screaming in my sleep, but that if I eschewed all excitement I might well live, after a fashion, for a good many more years.

Time went by; I felt gradually stronger; when I learned, a few weeks ago, that there was a huge exhibition of the Pre-Raphaelites at the Tate, I reasoned that a period of 17 years' convalescence was surely sufficient, and paid it a visit. I went right round it very carefully; I went right round it again; I looked at every picture at least twice; then darkness descended. I was found several days later wandering about the Quantocks insisting to the sheep (my only audience) that my relatives were trying to murder me for my money; I was also carrying a jug, which I repeatedly implored the same sheep to fill with hot chocolate.

The men in the white coats will be here any minute; please listen carefully. Never, in all my life, not even at the exclusively Millais exhibition in 1967, have I seen so much sickening rubbish in one place at one time. There are 250 exhibits; there are not a dozen among them – this is not a number plucked from the air to make my point, but the result of *counting* as I went round – which can be looked at without revulsion, let alone which can be thought of as works of art.

My feelings are not simply, or even mainly, a reaction to the sentimentality, horrible, false and dehumanizing though it is. Nor did I find the exhibition so repellant solely because of the suffocating ugliness and vulgarity of the draperies, the hideous colours and even more hideous combinations of colours, the putrescent flesh-tones, the brutal "butch" women favoured as models, the doll-like children, the perfumed animals, the drawing-room trees, the salt-free sea. All these charges are true, far more deeply and poisonously true than my few adjectives can convey, but they are not the worst. The worst goes to the heart of the exhibition and of the Brotherhood itself. From the first room to the last, these pictures are a pack of lies.

I must explain what I mean. Among the Pre-Raphaelites' preferred themes, there are three which are worth taking particular note of. There are religious pictures – of Christ, of Apostles, of saints; there are Shakespearean scenes; and there are historical episodes, recording actual or imagined events, these in particular often being equipped with titles like the triple-decker captions to old *Punch* cartoons, such as *Berengaria's Alarm for the Safety of her Husband, Richard Coeur de Lion, Awakened by the Sight of his Girdle Offered for Sale at Rome*, or *A Huguenot, on St. Bartholomew's Day, Refusing to Shield Himself from Danger by Wearing the Roman Catholic Badge*, or *A Converted British Family Sheltering a Christian Missionary from the Persecution of the Druids*. (These are not parodies by me, but the actual titles, capitalization and all.)

Now if you look closely at the faces and the disposition of the bodies in the pictures of all three of these groups, you will be struck by the emptiness and inauthenticity of them; vapidity and lifelessness are the dominant characteristics. Ford Madox Brown's *Christ washing the feet of St. Peter* looks like a respectable assistant at Lilley & Skinner showing a customer the latest line in patent leather; Milais' *Ferdinand Lured by Ariel* looks like a man asking directions near Heathrow and obliged to cup both ears to hear the answer; it is not surprising that Henry Wallis' *Chatterton* is dead, for the waxwork he has made of the poet has plainly never been alive.

The more elaborate the detail, the more direct the allegory, the more familiar the scene depicted, the more banal, unimaginative and superficial (I have never seen, not even in a Jackson Pollock, paint spread so thick to make a picture so thin) is the result; if you listen carefully before Holman Hunt's *Rienzi Vowing to Obtain Justice for the Death of his Young Brother, Slain in a Skirmish between the Colonna and Orsini Factions* (another title I have not invented) you can hear the model whining that he is getting pins and needles in his right leg and please can he have a cup of tea, and if you look no less thoroughly at Millais' *Ophelia* (perhaps the most famous picture the Brotherhood ever produced) you could draw the outline of the zinc bath she was lying in. But it is not the ghastly unreality of everybody and everything in these pictures that leads me to charge them with artistic falsehood: there is evidence more damning.

Imagine yourself cutting out (I was tempted to do it in more than my imagination) the faces of the central figures in three representative pictures – Holman Hunt's *The Shadow of Death*, Millais' *The Black Brunswicker* and Ford Madox Brown's *Geoffrey Chaucer Reading the 'Legend of Custance' to Edward III*. Five minutes later you will have no idea of which is which; the labels on the pictures in this exhibition could be taken off and re-affixed at random without anybody being any the wiser. Christ and King Lear; the Virgin and Mrs Thomas Fairbairn; Aurora Leigh or Lucrezia Borgia; Jerusalem or Putney; on these walls it's all one.

That, however, is not because the Pre-Raphaelites were incompetent draughtsmen (though if you look too closely at those sweeping folds, those tumbling tresses, they begin to disintegrate); it is because the high-flown hocus-pocus with which they deceived themselves and with which they are still deceiving multitudes (the Tate was crammed at 10 am) was a false front behind which there was a group of knowing journeymen posing as artists. From Exhibit No. 1 to Exhibit No. 250, there is no feeling, only calculation, no heart, only thought, no passion, only assiduity, no vigour, only force, no fire, only smoke, no humility, only discretion, no love, only desire, no God, only religion, no nature, only scenery, no art, only technique, no understanding, only knowledge, and above all no genius *and no regrets for the lack of it.*

There is a Max Beerbohm cartoon in which Queen Victoria is earnestly asking one of the Brotherhood "But what were they going to do with the Grail when they found it, Mr Rosetti?". Max did not provide the answer, but I can; they were going to drink cocoa out of it.

No respite on the island of the damned

Anyone who criticizes the Sri Lankan government, however mildly, can expect to be lambasted in return. Those who have experienced this for themselves in the last year include the western press, Amnesty International and the government of India. Next in line is probably the International Commission of Jurists, which has just published a damning report showing how the rule of law has been abandoned in Sri Lanka.

The report could not have been better timed. In the past two months at least 100 Tamils in the northern province of Jaffna have been killed by security forces. The official explanation is that these people were all "terrorists", but this is contradicted by the accounts of every independent observer who has visited Jaffna. One typically disturbing incident occurred on March 28, when air force personnel opened fire in the market place at Chunnakam, a town about eight miles outside Jaffna. Eight Tamils were shot dead and 22 others were wounded. Of the dead, one was a woman and another was an 80-year-old man.

If the victims really were terrorists, one might expect the fact to come out at the inquest into the deaths. However, no inquest will be held into the killings in Chunnakam market-place, nor into any of the other recent deaths of Tamil civilians. This is because of a rule called Emergency Regulation 15A, which was introduced last June and which allows the security forces to dispose of any dead body as they see fit, without post mortem or inquest.

The International Commission of Jurists is particularly scathing about Regulation 15A, arguing that it is bound to be regarded as "a deliberate device for covering up murder". But President Jayewardene will not repeal it; rather, he and his new Minister of National Security, Lalith Athulathmudali, actually intend to strengthen the emergency rules.

One of the new rules would effectively do away with the right to habeas corpus, which, according to an official spokesman, "the government considers as an unnecessary exercise".

Closer to home, there is another cause for concern. Tamils from Sri Lanka would seem to fall within the classic definition of refugees, laid down in the 1951 UN convention, since they have a well-founded fear of persecution for reasons of race or religion. More than 200 Sri Lankan Tamils fled to Britain after last summer's violence and sought asylum for this reason. Most of these applications have yet to be decided, but the omens are unpromising. In a letter earlier this year, explaining why he was deporting a Tamil from Ashford Remand Centre, the Home Office minister David Waddington wrote that "the situation in Sri Lanka has now returned very much to normal since the outbreak of communal violence last summer and the fact that an individual is a Sri Lankan Tamil is not, of itself, sufficient ground for asylum here".

The Tamils are unimpressed. As one put it, "How can you talk about a 'normal' situation in a country which has been governed under a state of emergency since last May, where members of a racial minority are being killed by the government's own forces?"

Francis Wheen

Ferdinand Mount

Too hit and Mies for the City

It is not every man in the prime of life who manages to accumulate one and a half acres of land next door to the Mansion House. The patch which Mr Peter Palumbo had patiently acquired over the past 20 years can, I think, be described without fear of contradiction as real real estate. Although it lies in a different postal district, it reminds me of the *Obiter Dicta* of His Lordship in Hilaire Belloc's *Cautionary Tales*:

A strip to the south of the Strand
Is a good situation for land.
It is healthy and dry
And sufficiently high
And covenient on every hand.

That Mr Palumbo should possess the vision and tenacity to gain ownership of such a property will not surprise those who remember his prowess in youth as a footballer, able to jink like a snipe and not lacking in the will to win (the speed with which he clutched his groin after a hard tackle being only equalled by the speed with which he took advantage of the free kick he was awarded - my first sight of a gambit which is now commonplace in the First Division but which was then in its experimental stages, having as yet received only professional approval from Gamesmanship HQ at Station Road, Yeovil.

Something of the same ingenuity is to be observed in his present endeavor which is to clear the site and place upon it a great new piazza with lots of space and shrubs and tubs and a 290ft glass-and-steel tower by Mies van der Rohe, which would be the only building in all Britain by that architect. The public enquiry began last week in Guildhall. It has been billed as the greatest of all clashes between the friends and relations of the Modern Movement and the defenders of "the heritage" – a nicer word than "environment" but one which sounds rather peculiar on the lips of some who normally hate the idea of anybody inheriting anything.

But is this really simply another quarrel between the ancients and the moderns? Certainly that is the form in which Mr Palumbo couches the question: Don't you want our generation to leave behind a monument worthy of the London, of Wren and Hawksmoor? Or are you ready to see London lose the last chance of having a Mies van der Rohe building (for Mies is dead, and the design is a posthumous child)?

But this is a false antithesis. The question is loaded, or rather several questions are rolled into one, viz: Would you like London to have a building by Mies? Do you want a building by Mies in this particular spot? And do you approve of demolishing the buildings that are already there?

One is perfectly entitled to answer: yes, I would like London to have a building by Mies. He built glass boxes which are quite unlike other people's glass boxes. They live in the memory, and lift the spirits on a New York or Chicago skyline. They stand out from all other tall buildings like a silver birch in a forest of dreary spruce. Repeat: on a New York or Chicago skyline.

But no, I do not want a Mies building on this site. I can show you half a dozen sites within a mile where it would do credit to the neighbourhood. Try just to the north of the Barbican or just across the river. But not here. Wrong size, wrong shape, wrong everything.

And no, I do not want the buildings on this site to be demolished en masse to make way for *any* tower-block-and-piazza development. These buildings will do very well as they are. They are not by famous architects: very few buldings are. They are not Grade One: very few buildings are. But as a group and in their details, they are an irreplaceable part of the Victorian City landscape and the medieval street plan.

The Mappin and Webb building not only has shields and turrets and corbels: it has gargoyles, real gargoyles with long stone necks leering out over Poultry and Queen Victoria Street. Is London so well-gargoyled that it can heedlessly knock down these ones? Behind Mappin and Webb there is the Green Man, one of those murky nineteenth-century City pubs where jobbers stare deep into their glasses and which seem infinitely older than genuinely medieval buildings. And behind the Green Man there is a little scrap of churchyard with one battered tomb in it and an old tablet set into a neighbouring wall: "Before the dreadfull fire Anno 1666 stood the parish church of St Benet Sherehog".

Should gargoyles, and the Green Man and the churchyard of St Benet Sherehog all go in order to stick a Mies building in the wrong place? Would that not also be a "dreadful fire"?

What Mr Palumbo wants is the urban equivalent of prairie farming, and we don't have to accept it if we don't want to. Surely by now we should have the confidence to stand up against the Menacing Modernist, the sort of person who says the nation has to do this or else: dig up the hedges or else the farmers will go out of business; widen the old high street or else the town hall will die. The reality is often that you can have hedges and high crop yields; old high streets and new roads; Mies and gargoyles. It just takes a little more thought, that's all.

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A brick and mortar lottery

Ten years as an inner city local politician have convinced me of one thing. It is that there is no part of peoples' lives in which we are failing as dismally and disgracefully as housing.

A strong claim, and I can hear the rival claims already being hurled at me: unemployment? street crime? No, I have considered them all and still maintain that there are more people in cities made miserable by their housing conditions than by any other cause.

Shelter is, after all, a basic and primitive human need. It ranks with food and clothing and predates by a long way paid employment and even money itself. The comparison with food and clothing demonstrates how housing operates in an entirely different sort of economy. An ordinary family buying its food and clothes these days has a fairly wide choice, even at the poorer levels: it also has options, of the "if the worst comes to the worst" variety (baked beans, jumble sales) for the really rough times. And although there are, of course, differences – and inequitable ones – there is no sharp dividing line, on grounds of class or geography, between what the different groups in society eat and wear. Government statistics chart the steady convergence of life-styles: we all shop at Marks & Spencer now.

And government statistics might chart something that looks the same in housing (percentage of homes with indoor sanitation, central heating, etc). But the reality is different. For that half of the population who canot afford to be owner occupiers there is hardly a question of consumer choice. It is more like a lucky dip – a double lucky dip, in which you put your hand in first to see if you draw the lucky number that allows you to play at all. Then, if you get that far, you wait your turn to plunge it in again. You might come up with a beautiful new maisonette with its own garden and an open market value of £80,000, or you might get a flat on a sordid and vandalized prewar council estate.

And there is no cheap alternative: no "if the worst comes to the worst" attic or basement for the young couple desperate to move away from in-laws and start life on their own. The private rented sector is beyond the pockets of the less well-off, and in many cases the only possibility is the family bust-up (real or pretended), the suitcases on the pavement and the long purgatory of "bed and breakfast" for the homeless, waiting for a turn at the bran-tub.

The allocation system itself is scrutinized minutely by councillors to make sure it is "fair" – a near impossibility in view of the real choices that have to be made. It is horribly slow. Once at the head of the list, families understandably (knowing that whatever they settle for moving out will not be easy) exploit their one little opportunity to be choosy. Often they dither: (will the second offer be even worse than the first? They know they are unlikely to get more the three) and flats can be left empty for months while the waiting list lengthens.

Nobody thinks, apparently, of making the system more like an estate agent's – of offering the 20 flats that happen to come up at any one time to the 20 people at the top of the list. The inevitable jostling for the best, it is thought, would be unfair on the slow-footed. Consequently the poor would-be tenants are left with nothing to do but wait: and, as I witness almost daily, it leads to helplessness, frustration, cynicism, and a most sapping kind of resentful dependence.

The statistics for London are grim. On one level, they present an arithmetical neatness that has its own bitter irony: 100,000 homes are now classified as "hard-to-let" (those dreary and frightening council estates that are consistently rejected by families at the top of the list): and a further 130,000 (mostly in the private sector) are empty: That 230,000 is the precise figure of the combined waiting lists of the London boroughs. But these figures ignore those people who do not even get on to the housing waiting lists – the single, for instance, – and also leave out of account tenants wanting to transfer within or between boroughs.

But added to the misery of those who cannot find somewhere to live is the misery of those whose homes are crumbling around them. More than one quarter of London's homes – getting on for 700,000 – are officially classified as unsatisfactory, either because they are unfit or lacking in basic amenities, or in need of major renovation. Boroughs' maintenance services, generally speaking, move with all the impenetrable bureaucratic slowness of their allocation systems: and besides that, central Government does not allow them to spend fast enough on renovation even to prevent the housing stock decaying further.

"Giving people power over their own lives" is part of the rhetoric of all political parties. For many, in housing, the phrase is an empty and cruel joke: What we are offering them is more like the situation we deplore in Russia or eastern Europe: shoddy goods, in short supply, inefficiently distributed and with virtually no choice, for which they have had to queue wearily for an interminably long time.

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CORPORATIST EPITAPH

Mr Len Murray's decision to seek early retirement is hardly surprising in the circumstances, given the decline in the authority, responsibility and cohesion of the trade union leadership. It was that collective interest which it was Mr Murray's special responsibility to perceive, protect and, if possible, mould into a forceful weapon of political influence. But it only takes one look backwards to the political landscape of 1973, when he became General Secretary of the TUC, to discover the tap root of Mr Murray's *cumulative* disappointment with his own role. Against the promise of 1973 it is also possible to measure the extent of his failure, through no particular fault of his own, to establish a permanent niche for the trade union movement in the corridors of power.

It was a Conservative Prime Minister, Mr Heath, who set down the corporatist model more clearly than ever before with his offer to employers and unions to share fully with the government the benefits and obligations involved in running the national economy. Not surprisingly, if the trade union leadership were to be asked in to run the country on that basis by a Conservative Prime Minister, it expected, and received, even greater preferential treatment from the Labour government which followed Mr Heath.

But the basic model was Mr Heath's. From it grew that whole morass of corporatist thinking which corrupted attitudes to the national economy for so many years until it became clear, well into Mrs Thatcher's first administration, that the contemporary Conservative leadership had discarded its corporatist clothing. The Heath model deluded trade union leaders, their nebulous counterparts in employers' organisations, and too many ministers into thinking that there was some kind of corporatist role for them in government.

The effect of this trinity of politicians, trade unionists and employers would have been to lead the country down a corporatist road to the progressive disadvantage of the consumer. The underlying assumption of this kind of corporatism is that the national interest is the sum of producer group interests, and that producers – either labour or management or both – are accorded priviliged access to national decision making which is denied to the consumer. This philosophy of the big battalions fitted as neatly into the conspectus of trade union leadership as it did into the authoritarian and dirigiste manner in which Mr Heath hoped to run the national economy.

Inevitably, the Wilson and Callaghan governments which inherited this thinking biased it towards that part of the trinity whose power Labour politicians both respected and feared: the trade unions. The defeat of the Labour cabinet at the hands of the unions in 1969 had made it clear that a Labour government would only be able to operate effectively by placating trade union power, and conceding to the unions a preponderant influence in decision making.

The social contract which Mr Murray helped administer in his early years as General Secretary was not a contract between government and society but between the Labour Party and its paymasters. The government operated a formal incomes policy, much as Mr Heath had tried to do, in exchange for passing a series of laws which extended the legal powers and immunities of the trade unions, while enacting corresponding reductions in the rights of individual trade unionists. By the time their work was done Labour ministers and trade union leaders had deprived individual trade unionists of legal protection from exclusion or expulsion from a union, even in cases of arbitrary or unreasonable discrimination. Where the unions had a closed shop, which was also encouraged and given legal emphasis, that meant that a trade union had an almost total grip on a man's chance of employment, though individuals after 1976 only had recourse to a non-statutory independent review body, all of whose members, not surprisingly, were nominated by the TUC and therefore unlikely to be independent in their judgments.

There followed a major expansion in the number of closed shop agreements. The proportion of workers covered by closed shop agreements rose during this time from 16 per cent of the work force to at least 23 per cent, and probably more. The momentum of the Act throughout the 1970's, and even now, in spite of two Tory laws intended to diminish trade union power, suggests that the tentacles of the closed shop are still creeping insidiously round Britain's industrial sinews.

So Mr Murray's first few years as General Secretary represented the peak of trade union power and influence in the political establishment. Yet who profited? It is true that during the period of the social contract the union/non-union wage differential widened in favour of workers belonging to unions; but the period also witnessed steadily rising unemployment and steadily rising inflation. Notwithstanding the atmosphere created by beer and sandwiches at No 10, therefore, most workers and all consumers suffered from attempts to run the economy along these lines.

Now Mr Murray and his colleagues on the TUC have found that the Thatcher government does not share their sense of constitutional self-importance. Many trade union leaders have never fully recovered from this discovery. Moreover, Tory ministers suspect, not without evidence, that too many trade union leaders are more interested in throwing their weight about in a corporatist setting than they are in looking after the interests of their members. They may shout loudly about unemployment, but rare indeed is the evidence that any collective wage agreement has been settled which contains wages in favour of extra jobs.

Since the advent of a Tory government – and even more after its renewal – Mr Murray saw more clearly than his colleagues that the trade union establishment should be on the strategic defensive. His task has been to coax his colleagues into accepting that they have a more limited role to play, if any role at all, in the wings of government. It was not an easy task since the whole language and culture of trade unionism is combative. Every setback, every apparent slight at the hands of ministers, has been used as a signal for going back to war. The view of the left is that Mr Murray has been an appeaser and that such tactics were bound to fail. If their purpose was to keep the trade union establishment in some, albeit diminished, capacity on the fringes of government, then such tactics were bound to fail, and deservedly so. That is as much because the current trade union leadership on its record does not deserve to shoulder political responsibility, as because it is the government's *principled* view that the trade union leadership should not share in the running of the country. This week's *New Statesman* seems to agree. It suggests that the present structures of the TUC and its General Council are moribund:

"Their ethos is a stale one of smokefilled rooms and power-broking between barons and inward-looking committee politics and high-living worldliness. The strategy of hoping to advance the interests of organised labour by waiting for the return of a Labour government and then nobbling it in the corridors of power is well and truly bankrupt."

Mr Tebbit could hardly have put it better.

MR MONDALE WINS THE BIG ONE

Mr Walter Mondale's victory in Texas brings him very close to nomination as the Democratic Party's presidential candidate. He now has about two-thirds of the delegates he needs so it seems unlikely that his main rival, Senator Hart, will catch up. In retrospect it can now be seen that the southern challenge from Senator Hart earlier this year did Mr Mondale good. It put him on the alert, made him aware that the nomination was not inevitable, and forced him to draw on hidden strength from within his character and organization. He has emerged a more confident and tested candidate.

At the same time Senator Hart seemed to diminish with exposure. Many of the "New Ideas" on which he built his campaign are sensible, but he was not able to present them as a coherent and convincing programme. He also did some disturbingly callow things such as staking out areas of the world in which he would never use force. That may be what certain sections of the American electorate want to hear, particularly the generation whose politics were formed by the Vietnam war, but no one thinking in properly presidential terms would give such hostages to fortune or undercut an incumbent President by tempting foreign adversaries to think that they had only to wait to gain easy victories.

Mr Mondale therefore returns to the front. But could he beat President Reagan? The polls say he cannot and that is his biggest handicap. Senator Hart was thought to have a chance because of his strong appeal to the floating middle-class voters of the centre who can swing a close ballot one way or the other. Mr Mondale is a product of the party machine with the additional burden of having been associated with the failures of the Carter Administration.

Yet until he gets the nomination and turns his full attention on Mr Reagan it is impossible to measure his strength with much accuracy. As he discovered when beating off the challenge of Senator Hart he is stronger than many people thought. He is a master at mobilizing party faithfuls which is important if the turnout would otherwise be low. If he can take delivery of the black voters mobilized by Mr Jesse Jackson, if he can bring out the votes of other poor and under-privileged, if the middleclass voters feel they have nowhere else to go, if Mr Reagan stumbles in foreign policy then. . . . These are a lot of ifs but they suggest that the results will not be a foregone conclusion. It will be a battle between two very experienced politicians backed by very large and well-run organizations. Mr Mondale still has a chance although no one would be wise to put much money on it at this stage.

DEATH OF A MODEL

There must always be many characters in our actual and temporary world who hear, sometimes with mixed feelings, of the death of any writer who had appropriated them for the immortal world. In Dickens's case, these were people like William Shore, who had but one eye, and kept a school in Yorkshire where the death rate among pupils was about one a year; or Maria Beadnell, who was immortalised twice, served as Copperfield's adorable, infantile Dora, and then, most woundingly, as silly affected, middle-aged Flora Finching in "Little Dorrit."

People who have been turned into fiction in their lifetime are in a curious position: some bitterly resent it, some glory in their reflected celebrity. Christopher Robin was caused infinite vexation by it, while somewhere in the House of Lords there must be a dozen figures nursing the secret knowledge that they contributed a trait to Widmerpool. Of all these figures, existing thus in two worlds in our time, perhaps the most remarkable died a few days ago – Madame Céleste Albaret, the principal model for Françoise the real heroine of Marcel Proust's interminable book. Loyal, almost illiterate, overbearing and tender, an unconscious compendium of popular linguistic usage and of old wives' wisdom, the embodiment of French provincial respectability, she stands beside Jeeves as one of the two great Old Retainers of modern fiction.

Céleste became Proust's housekeeper, cook, tyrant and protector throughout the nightmarish seclusion he retreated into to write his book. When he burnt his throat with an overdose of adrenalin, and lived on nothing but ice cream and iced beer for a month, she organized the dispatch of supplies from the Ritz. When she saw that her egotistical master was jealous even of her relationship with God, she gave up going to Mass until his death. She summoned musicians when needed, and dealt with printers.

Like Mrs James Joyce, she never bothered to read the book she figured in (it is curious that both the great novelists of artifice in the 1920s needed a woman like this to come home to). But when the book grew famous she became a literary celebrity in her own right, and her lively and astringent recollections were much pored over by researchers in quest of profound significances, which they never failed to find. She nursed him in his last illness, and her account of it on tape, circumstantial, harrowing, Dickensian, Proustian, is an uncanny pendant to the novel, a masterpiece of its own kind – as if the novelist had given Françoise such life in his work that in the end it was he who existed embodied in her imagination rather than *vice versa*, so that while she could still speak after he had become wholly immersed in time she was able to preside over the one event in his life that he was not in a position to record, and record it for him.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Close partnership in Whitehall

From the Master of St Catherine's College, Oxford

Sir, May a trained (not congenital) Whitehall "snag-hunter" comment on your leading article (May 2)?

The experience of many years has confirmed the value of a vigorous and critical Downing Street policy unit, working in partnership with the official private office and the Prime Minister's parliamentary private secretary. It cannot be a substitute for a strong central "think tank": but it can perform the important function of helping the Prime Minister to identify the right questions – often a more difficult task than that of securing the right answers – with which to challenge the thinking of "the departmental satrapies".

The secretaries of state in charge of the latter, and especially the "big businesses" such as Defence and the DHSS, can stimulate and strengthen departmental policymaking by reinforcing their private offices with special advisers from outside Whitehall, as many have done in recent years. *But the introduction of policy* units on the French Cabinet model would be unlikely to make those departments, as you have put it, "more manageable".

The efficient management of policies, and of the departmental machine for implementing them, crucially depends on one thing: a close and effective partnership between a secretary of state and his *permanent secretary and senior* professional advisers.

Yours faithfully,
PATRICK NAIRNE,
St Catherine's College,
Oxford.
May 3.

Straw burning

From Mr Ian C. Macdonald

Sir, May I, through your columns, make a special plea to the district councillors of England and Wales, who may now be considering the Home Office Circular No. 24/1984 regarding the revision and possible adoption by their council of model byelaws for straw and stubble burning.

My plea to councillors is to consider very carefully the restrictions recommended by the Home Office to prevent burning at weekends. Out of 28 days spanning harvest, the farmer will only be allowed under the proposed byelaw to burn on 19 of those days. What real advantage will this severe restriction be to the public?

Farmers now work all hours, including Sundays and after dark, during harvest. Is there any justification for this restriction? The Home Office requires "ash" to be incorporated within 36 hours of burning, which means that farmers will incorporate during Saturdays and Sundays following Thursday and Friday burning, but there will be no ash on Monday or maybe Tuesday. *What happens if it rains in* the week and the only dry and suitable period for burning is at the weekend?

The safest and most effective time *to burn is late afternoon just before* the evening dew is rising. This time is now to be restricted by a further one hour before sunset. The Home Office believes that it is being generous by permitting burning to commence at sunrise, but no burn will be effective until the micro-atmosphere at ground level has been dried by wind and sun. Therefore, it is surely unwise to adopt Section 2B of the model byelaw *which forbids* burning on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Further, the requirement to inform the local fire brigade before *each 24-acre block is burnt is wholly* impracticable. For example, if only 20 per cent of the stubble in Somerset is burnt, this amounts to 8,000 parcels and accordingly, 8,000 phone calls. Will the fire brigade telephone lines to HQ control, congested by these calls, be available for emergencies?

On reflection, one wonders whether the whole matter has been *really thought out in all its* implications.

Yours faithfully,
IAN C. MACDONALD,
Higher Hill Farm,
Butleigh,
Glastonbury,
Somerset.
April 25.

Historic wreck

From Mr A. N. Ryan

Sir, I read with interest your correspondent's report (April 26) on the forthcoming exploration of the wreck of HMS St George, lost off the Jutland coast in December, 1811. May I put the record right with regard to two statements in the report.

HMS Defence, which also drove ashore, was not a frigate but a 74-gun ship of the line commanded by Captain David Atkins, RN, who died in the wreck.

It is not true that all on board the two ships lost their lives. There was a handful of survivors from the Defence. I have printed an account of the disaster by one of them in my edition of the correspondence of Vice-Admiral Sir James Saumarez, commander-in-chief of the Baltic fleet, a volume in the series *published* by the Navy Records Society. It is nice to note in this account a tribute to the care taken of the survivors by Danish people.

Yours faithfully,
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Liverpool.
April 26.

Need for care over MoD dismantling

From Admiral of the Fleet Sir Henry Leach

Sir, It would seem that the time is approaching when a major reorganization may take place in the Ministry of Defence. *We need to be* very careful before we dismantle a system which, for all its imperfections, has served the country well for nearly a quarter of a century and *stood the test of countless politico-*military crises and several minor wars.

Throughout the 1960s and 1970s secretaries of state and Chiefs of Defence Staff were big enough men to cope with inter-Service problems as they arose. Often it was not easy. But it was the responsibility of the Chief of Defence Staff as Chairman of the Chiefs of Staff Committee to represent the collective view of the committee or, when it occurred, their split views.

There was everything to be said for this and indeed the system resulted in the best professional advice, whether unanimous or conflicting. Additionally it was open to the Chief of Defence Staff to express his personal view in the circumstances prevailing.

Now it seems likely that all real power will be vested in the Chief of Defence Staff. This will make it easier for a Secretary of State to get the military advice he thinks he *wants* but it may not always produce the *best* advice. Furthermore it will be far easier to override one man (the Chief of Defence Staff), or replace him with another more *inclined to say "yes", than to deal* with four (the Chiefs of Staff Committee), three of them the current professional heads of their Services. Like the NUM there appear to be those who hope to obtain the results they desire by changing the rules of the game.

There has also been a good deal of talk about stripping the single Service departments of their policy and operational requirements staffs and centralising them. It would be folly to do this and could only result in a lowering of professional standards.

There is nothing clever about having a separate Navy, Army and Air Force. In Utopia it would be *neater, fairer and nicer to have just a* single Defence Force. But we live in a real world and it is an inescapable fact that within any one Service it is already hard enough to acquire the *necessary theory and consolidate it* by practical experience in the field at the various levels of a career to maintain the professional expertise on which so much depends. We tamper with that expertise at our peril.

The matter of confidence is a further point of substance. Today the professionalism demanded of the serviceman is of a standard which has never been surpassed and seldom equalled. In general that requirement is most ably met. It is not surprising, therefore, and certainly not unhealthy that at all levels, *perhaps especially junior and* middle-ranking officers, they should look critically at the higher ranks. If they perceive a falling off of professionalism at the top their motivation will not be enhanced.

So far throughout the 1980s defence has been in a state of continual turmoil brought about by a succession of reviews, each more disrupting than the last. What is badly required now is a period of stability in which all concerned can implement a clear policy and get on with the job. Imposing a monstrous upheaval of internal organization will hardly facilitate this.

I the early days of World War II Mr Winston Churchill castigated the Prime Minister with his historic words, "For God's sake *go*. It is time someone of metal again rose in the House and addressed the Defence Secretary, "For God's sake *stop*".

Yours faithfully,
HENRY LEACH,
Wonston Lodge,
Wonston,
Winchester,
Hampshire.
April 29.

Flaw in Irish report

From Mr Patrick O'Brien

Sir, The basic flaw in the report of the Irish Forum on reunification is the premise that Eire is a viable independent state. This is demonstrably not so. Not only is Eire dependent on Britain (and Nato) for defence to which she does not *contribute but also for employment* for a large proportion of her population who freely emigrate to Britain where, for some strange reason, they are accorded the full rights of citizenship while claiming to come from an independent sovereign state.

The solution to the problem of reunification lies in Eire accepting supremacy of Parliament and negotiating limited rights of self-government similar to Stormont. Then there would be more to unite Ireland than divide it.

Yours truly,
P. O'BRIEN,
51 Harpesford Avenue,
Virginia Water,
Surrey,
May 3.

From Mrs Karen McKechnie

Sir, I find it extraordinarily depressing that Mr Prior's initial comment (report, May 3) on the document issued by the Forum in Dublin should be so damp with defeatism. He is "disappointed" that the document concentrates so much on the distant view and does not *concentrate on practical measures* for the present situation. But surely there is a place for both kinds of initiative? If this is a long-term view, it in no way excludes the consideration of further schemes for alleviating present troubles.

And then Mr Prior remarks, as though this were the final nail in the coffin of the document, "This is a *nationalist* view". Of course, it rather depends on the emphasis given to the word "nationalist", does it not?

"Batting for Britain" – a nationalist slogan if ever there was one – is *good:* Irish nationalism is *bad*, being entirely subsumed under the label of terrorism. A pity because sooner or later Westminster is going to have to come to terms with Dublin nationalists.

I write as one born and brought up in Belfast, and with considerable affection for my native province.

Yours etc.
KAREN McKECHNIE,
2 Murray Park,
St Andrews,
Fife.
May 3.

Doubts on animal tests

From Dr Tamar Posner

Sir, The UK chemical industry agrees with the British Toxicology Society that the simple LD50 test can rarely be "ethically or scientifically justified" (report, April 25).

The problem is that national and international regulations for safe transport and safety labelling of chemicals specify limits for categorisation purposes. It is for these reasons that use is made of single numbers derived from the LD50 test.

The Chemical Industries Association supports the British Toxicology Society's initiative to encourage movement away from "administration by numbers" and we will continue our active participation in discussions that we would like to see lead to effective safety procedures that are more socially acceptable.

Yours faithfully,
TAMAR POSNER,
Chemical Industries Association,
Alembic House,
93 Albert Embankment, SE1.
April 26.

Embassy outrage

From Mr D. R. Sceats

Sir, Now that the siege of St James's Square is over, May I express a widespread but apparently unpublicised comment on the parochial and exaggerated nature of the media reaction to the affair.

The police seem to have overreacted with an excessive presence and a dramatic approach to a tragedy they naturally took personally, but the behaviour of the media day after day was simply to reinforce this approach with a heaven-sent opportunity for hyperbole on their metropolitan doorstep.

To the observer the affair was a clear lesson that news is what the media define it to be, and that a competitive press and broadcasting system does not always produce a variety of viewpoints but can guarantee sensationalism and a diversion of attention from many other issues.

Yours faithfully,
D. R. SCEATS,
46 Cranes Park Avenue,
Surbiton,
Surrey,
May 3.

Testing, testing

From Mr Adrian Bridgewater and Professor W. P. Jolly

Sir, Much as industrialists will welcome Sir Keith Joseph's new-style A-level exams, with their emphasis on practical applications, they may also be wondering where the requisite teaching skills and teaching materials can be conjured up at short notice.

The lead time for publishing a new A-level text is nearly two years *from concept to delivery*, by which time the industrial and technological applications will have moved on and the text will be worthless. Much the same can be said of the experience gained by teachers from industrial secondments.

Applications should not be added to the science syllabus like the cherry on the sundae – or, perhaps, the olive in a martini – but should be a pervading *flavour. To learn* science without applications is like learning English grammar without literature, or even law without cases.

The science should be taught, throughout, in the light of applications, and the urgent need is to provide the busy school teacher with attractive, up-to-date material from industry that can be drawn upon as required during the course.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN BRIDGEWATER,
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Careers Research & Advisory Centre,
Bateman Street,
Cambridge.

Flourishing elms

From Lieutenant-Colonel H. B. Hudson

Sir, Early this week my wife and I made two journeys (by different routes) through the Black Mountains, at a very leisurely pace. We were delighted to see that the local variety of elm, basically *U. glabra*, which was so dominant in that district 60 years ago when I knew it as a boy, is alive and well. The yellow-green seed pods, which come before the leaves, were a glorious sight especially in the Vale of Ewyas.

Yours faithfully,
H. B. HUDSON,
Parkers Field,
North Petherton,
Bridgwater,
Somerset.
May 3.

Cause for alarm about salmon

From Mr David Clarke and Mr David Swatland

Sir, We were interested to read the excellent article by John Young (Spectrum, April 27). Whilst the position of our salmon stocks in the UK and throughout Europe gives grave cause for alarm, the position in North America is infinitely worse; so much so that the Canadian Government has been forced to bring in measures that can only be described as draconian.

Minister De Bané has declared that the number of Atlantic salmon reaching their spawning areas in certain regions of Quebec, notably Gaspé, Saguenay, and the north shore of the St Lawrence River, was *estimated 30 per cent of the number* needed to maintain optimum spawning production.

In order to alleviate the situation the Canadian Government has ordered, inter alia,

1. The suspension of commercial fishing in certain areas until such time that stocks can tolerate a commercial fishery.
2. The angling season, which in any *case is short in Canada, to have its* opening delayed by 10 days in certain areas.
3. Thirteen rivers to be entirely closed to angling.
4. In many rivers the daily limit per angler to be reduced to one fish and that to be a grilse. All salmon to be returned. The annual limit per angler to be 10.

We should point out that *Canadian and European stocks* share a common feeding ground off West Greenland. The Greenlanders have an annual quota. It must be understood that if Canadian stocks are reduced, the quota will be made up by an increased percentage of fish of European origin.

It is interesting to note that the Americans and Canadians are asking the North Atlantic Salmon *Conservation Organisation to ban* all commercial fishing for salmon in the whole of the North Atlantic for an intitial period of six years, such is the depth of concern on the other side of the Atlantic.

It is high time that our own Government and the EEC faced the realities of the present threat to Atlantic salmon. In our opinion the time for talk, committees and investigations is past. There is broad agreement on the measures that are necessary for the conservation of our salmon stocks and now is the time for action. Time is not on the side of *the salmon.*

We are, Sir, your obedient servants,
DAVID CLARKE (Chairman, Atlantic Salmon Trust),
DAVID SWATLAND (Chairman, Salmon & Trout Association),
The Atlantic Salmon Trust Ltd,
Fishmongers' Hall,
London Bridge, EC4.

Balance of bat and ball

From Mr John Polk

Sir, If the proposal in Sir Edward Ford's interesting letter (April 28) were accepted in toto the current delicate balance between bat and ball would be destroyed and the number of drawn matches would increase considerably.

To me, at any rate, there is no more exciting sight than watching, say, Wes Hall or Michael Holding running up to bowl. (The excitement may be at least partly relief that I am not at the other end).

Watching second and *third* change seamers operating off the same length run is, I would agree, the most tedious part of the game and if there could be one law for the fast and one for the not so fast, that would be admirable. Failing this, we shall have to continue to take the rough with the smooth.

As far as the banning of bouncers goes, I would suggest that the only *sight to rival a Hall or Holding run-*up is the sight of Richards or Botham hooking balls that are meant to intimidate them. For this reason I would not be in favour of banning bouncers although I do agree that they are used too often and that the umpires whose job it is to limit their use (and abuse) do not, for the most part, make a very good fist of it

Yours faithfully,
JOHN POLK,
Fenny Comptom Lodge,
Fenny Compton,
Nr Leamington Spa,
Warwickshire.
May 3.

From Mr Brian F. Packham

Sir, I wish I could tell Sir Edward Ford (April 28) that he could take heart from a fondly remembered advertisement which appeared in the Personal Column of *The Times*. It read: "Curate wanted for country parish, slow left arm bowler preferred." But alas the advertisement appeared when the Personal Column was on the front page, and "Times" change.

Yours sincerely,
BRIAN F. PACKHAM,
Windy Parc,
Ayr Lane,
St Ives,
Cornwall.

Unkind cut

From Mr John Assael

Sir, My practice designed "the architect-designed cake" *(The Times*, May 1) and I am sure that Mr Binley (May 3) will be heartened to know that it was a structure which I was happy to see demolished – by the children of the Great Ormond *Street Hospital.*

However, demolition of modern architect-designed buildings would perhaps prove nourishing to Mr Binley's aesthetic values, but would certainly *block his drains.*

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ASSAEL,
Assael Rowe-Parr Partnership,
38 Clareville Street, SW7.
May 3.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 5: The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars, this evening attended the Regimental Old Comrades' Dinner at Lord's Tavern, St John's Road, NW8.

His Royal Highness, attended by Major the Hon Andrew Wigram, was received by the Colonel of the Regiment (Major-General J. M. Strawson) and the Chairman of the Regimental Association (Lieutenant-Colonel S. T. Eve).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this afternoon attended the Centenary Celebrations of St Swithun's School, Winchester (Headmistress, Miss N. O. Davies).

Having been received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Hampshire (Lieutenant-Colonel Sir James Scott, Bt) and the Chairman, St Swithun's School Council (the Dean of Winchester), Her Royal Highness opened the Sports Hall, unveiled a commemorative plaque and toured the School.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President of the British Olympic Association, this evening attended a Fund Raising Reception in aid of the British Olympic Appeal, in the Great Hall, Winchester Castle.

Her Royal Highness, attended by Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Queen was represented by Colonel Hugh Brassey (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Wiltshire) at the Memorial Service for the Lord Brooke of Cumnor (a former Cabinet Minister) which was held in Marlborough College Chapel this afternoon.

May 6: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips this morning attended the Combined Cavalry "Old Comrades" Parade and Memorial Service in Hyde Park and was received by the President of the Combined Cavalry "Old Comrades" (General Sir Jack Harman).

Afterwards Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, was present at luncheon with the Regimental Association of the 14th/20th King's Hussars at the Inter-Continental Hotel.

Mrs Malcolm Innes was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

May 5: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilvy were present this evening at a performance of *Great Expectations* in celebration of the Centenary of the Royal Theatre and Opera House at Northampton.

The Duchess of Kent, patron Newbury Spring Festival, will attend a concert at St Nicholas's Parish Church, Newbury, on May 14.

The Duke of Gloucester, president, British Consultants Bureau, will visit W. S. Atkins Group Consultants, Epsom, Surrey, on May 15. In the evening, as president of the Cancer Research Campaign, he will attend a sponsored race meeting at White City.

Special prayers for Poland will be said during Evensong in St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday, May 27th, at 3.15 pm.

Marriages

Mr T. M. Brudenell and Miss V. J. Chaworth-Musters

The marriage took place in Southwell Minster on Saturday of Mr Thomas Brudenell, younger son of Mr and the Hon Mrs Edmund Brudenell, and Miss Venetia Chaworth-Musters, daughter of Major Robert Chaworth-Musters and the late Mrs Chaworth-Musters. Canon Robert Kirkpatrick and Canon David Keene officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by George and Archie Drake, Robert Bell, Alexander Corbett, Sophie, Alice and Dickon Fetherstonhaugh, Isabel Petre, Lucia Burrows, Rosamund Bennett and Katie Ruck Keene. Mr Robert Brudenell was best man.

A reception was held at Felley Priory and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr C. A. E. Braithwaite and Miss J. E. Blenkinsop

The marriage took place in Yorkshire on May 5 between Mr Charles Antony Elliott Braithwaite, son of Mr D. E. Braithwaite and the late Mrs Dorothy Braithwaite, of Haughton Castle, Humshaugh, Northumberland, and Miss Jane Elisabeth Blenkinsop, elder daughter of Colonel and Mrs R. E. Blenkinsop, of Whorlton Croft, near Barnard Castle, county Durham.

Mr A. Dingwall-Main and Miss S. Turner

The marriage took place between Mr Alex Dingwall-Main and Miss Susanne Turner on Thursday, May 3.

Dr W. B. Quandt and Miss H. Cobban

The marriage took place in Washington, DC, on Saturday, April 21, between Dr William Bauer Quandt and Miss Helena Cobban.

Mr G. A. Mainwaring-Burton and Miss B. M. Riley

The marriage took place on Saturday, May 5, at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Jersey, of Mr Guy Mainwaring-Burton, youngest son of Major and Mrs Antony Mainwaring-Burton, of Oaklands, Hook, Hampshire, and Miss Bridget Riley, elder daughter of Major John Riley and the late Mrs Riley, of Trinity Manor, Jersey. The Rev Tony Keogh officiated and an address was given by Archdeacon John Youens.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Louisa Chichester, Lucinda Crabbe, Polly Owen and Lucinda Whiteley. Mr Jeremy Mainwaring-Burton was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

Mr P. Norris and Miss J. T. Hessayon

The marriage took place on Saturday at the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Sawbridgeworth, between Mr Paul Norris, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Norris, of Purley, Surrey, and Miss Jacqueline Hessayon, younger daughter of Dr Dave Hessayon and Mrs Joan Hessayon, of Broxbourne, Hertfordshire.

The bride was attended by Angelina Hessayon. Mr Mark Norris was best man.

The honeymoon will be spent in Cyprus.

Mr I. C. Taylor and Mrs K. Jackson

The marriage took place in Durham on May 5, 1984, between Mr Ian Craig Taylor and Mrs Karen Jackson (née Johnson). A service of blessing was held afterwards in the Chapel of Hatfield College. The Rev Tom Curran officiated.

Queen sidesteps heritage controversy

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Queen has declined to take part in a service in Westminster Abbey on Wednesday which is to be attended by the Prime Minister with a sermon preached by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie.

It appears that Buckingham palace has taken note of the fact that Christian Heritage Year, which the service is to launch, has attracted controversy in some church quarters.

Christian Heritage Year is a private venture, although supported by the English Tourist Board, whose purpose is to recall the nation to its "Christian past" by drawing attention to religious aspects of English history. It is financed by the Trinity Trust, a private religious charity which also finances privately made television and video programmes with a religious character.

The heritage year has already failed to gain official support from the British Council of Churches, and in some places, particularly parts of the Free Churches, the whole idea is intensely deplored.

The Queen takes advice on such occasions, it is generally understood, so it is likely that her advisers were in touch with Downing Street and Lambeth Palace. Dr Runcie appears to have his own misgivings about the event, as he will not be attending any of the celebrations after the first one in the abbey.

A spokesman, asked about his attitude, said it would obviously be made clear in his sermon on Wednesday. The chairman of the Trinity Trust, Mr Timothy Royle, who is a City businessman, has said it is a pity that the Queen was advised not to attend an event, "which had widespread support".

Cardinal Basil Hume has another engagement, and he will be represented by the Archbishop of Cardiff, Mgr John Ward. It is said that the Catholic Church, which has been officially represented in the preparations, wishes to convey an impression neither of enthusiasm nor discourtesy towards the project, but it can be observed that there has been little interest in those quarters. Some of the Free Churches will be represented, some not.

It is the kind of project which will only take off if the organizers can generate a bandwagon effect, particularly in the media, which they have so far failed to do (but not for want of trying).

In the Church of England, whose vast stock of historic buildings are one of the year's main features, enthusiasm has been patchy: the *Church Times* devoted a front-page report last week to an attack which appeared in the newsletter of the diocese of *Blackburn*. That had referred to Christian Heritage Year as merely "tourism with a halo" and "ecclesiastical jingoism", which failed to acknowledge that Britain has more than one culture. In fact the abbey service will include a 100-strong black choir, and some black churches have been happy to take part.

At root, the prejudice against Christian Heritage Year among churchmen appears to be a dislike of certain individuals behind it, and a dislike of their type and "what they stand for". They are, on the whole, well-to-do businessmen, like Mr Royle himself, of naturally Conservative political sympathies, with a plain man's rather simple view of Britain as a once-Christian country that needs to be returned to its former spiritual glory (with desirable side-effects on its economic, political and moral climate).

That it is impossible to separate British history from the history of religion in Britain, and that religion is a major theme – for some periods, *the* major theme – of our history is not open to argument. But British history is the possession of the entire nation, and to some extent of the world.

A true balance sheet would have to show the bad as well as the good; it is not open to anyone to select such fragments as together make up a one-sided view, however honourable the motive and attractive the result. The very concept of a national heritage should put it out of reach of partisan causes.

Princess Anne, well wrapped up in the chill wind, at the Combined Cavalry Old Comrades Parade in Hyde Park, London, yesterday.

Luncheon

English-Speaking Union

The Chairman of the East Region of the English-Speaking Union, Mr Michael Wynne-Parker, welcomed guests to the annual luncheon held at the *Angel Hotel, Bury St Edmunds*, on Saturday. The principal guest and speaker was Count Nikolai Tolstoy and a vote of thanks was given by Mr Ralph Hammond-Innes.

Picnic

National Trust L'Oreal

Viscount Astor planted the first tree at a celebratory Teddy Bears' Picnic at Cliveden, Buckinghamshire, on Saturday, May 5, to launch the L'Oreal Plant a Tree scheme, which will give more than 10,000 hardwood trees to Cliveden and eight other sites in the United Kingdom, nominated by the National Trust and the Tree Council. The picnic was in association with the National Trust's restoration appeal for Cliveden's Thames-side Hanging Woods.

Dinners

Old Beghians Club

The London Old St Beghians Club held its annual dinner at the Army and Navy Club last Friday. Mr G. B. G. Macfarlane presided and the Headmaster of St Bees School, Mr M. T. Thyne, was guest of honour. The president, Mr W. Fox, and Sir Kenneth Corley, chairman of the school, were also present.

Baroness Gardner of Parkes

Baroness Gardner of Parkes entertained 1954 graduates of the faculty of dentistry, Sydney University, and their guests at dinner at the House of Lords on Friday, May 4.

Service luncheons

4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards

A regimental luncheon for serving and retired officers of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards and their families was held at the Royal Hospital Chelsea yesterday. General Sir Robert Ford, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

The Royal Hampshire Regiment

A luncheon was held at the Aldershot Garrison Officers' Mess on Saturday by officers of The Royal Hampshire Regiment and their ladies. The Colonel of the Regiment, General Sir David Fraser, presided.

Gurkha Brigade Association

The annual reunion of the Gurkha Brigade Association was held at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, on Saturday. Major-General J. A. R. Robertson presided, assisted by Major-General R. W. L. McAlister, chairman of the association.

Service dinners

5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards

The annual dinner of the 5th Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards was held on Friday, May 4, at 30 Pavilion Road. The Colonel of the Regiment, Brigadier W. F. A. Findlay, presided.

16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers

The annual reunion dinner of the regimental association of 16th/5th The Queen's Royal Lancers took place at the Cumberland Hotel on Saturday. Colonel H. A. G. Brooke, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Manchester and Salford Universities OTC

The Duke of Devonshire, Honorary Colonel, was present at the annual dinner of Manchester and Salford Universities Officers' Training Corps held in the OTC Mess on Saturday. Lieutenant-Colonel C. G. Davidson presided and Major-General P. M. Davies, GOC North-west District, was the principal guest.

Royal African Society

Mr Julian Wathen has become President of the Royal African Society: Lord Seebohm, retiring president, an honorary vice-president; Mr Michael Caine, chairman of council, and Mr W. Peters honorary treasurer.

Judge retires

Judge Sharp, QC, retired from the North-eastern Circuit on May 3.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:

Professor Julian Farrand, aged 48, a Law Commissioner, to be chairman of the Conveyancing Committee in succession to the late Professor Harry Street.

Mr Bernard Divine, aged 46, Police Chief Superintenden at Rotherham, to be assistant chief constable for Greater Manchester Police in succession to Mr John Stalker.

Sir Gordon White, chairman of Hanson Industries of New Jersey, to be a member of the national advisory council of the United States Congressional Award Foundation, the counterpart of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

Mr Joe Burnett-Stuart to be a church commissioner.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr C. M. Delmain and Miss J. Hues

The engagement is announced between Charles, younger son of Captain, N. S. M. Delamain, of Cold Aston, Gloucestershire, and Mrs J. Nickols, of Nogent le Rotrou, France, and Julia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Roger Hues, of Galteemore Farm, Beckhampton, Marlborough, Wiltshire.

Mr R. W. Dumbreck and Miss P. Vinson,

The engagement is announced between Roderick, eldest son of Commander and Mrs Ian Dumbreck, of St James House, Hadlow, Kent, and Polly, only daughter of the late Ronald Vinson, and of Mrs Mary Vinson, of Barrwood, Shipbourne, Kent.

Mr C. J. Gibson-Watt and Miss A. M. Cooke

The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Gibson-Watt, Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire, and Adela, daughter of Mr and Mrs A. E. Cooke, Hay-on-Wye, Herefordshire.

The Rev G. J. Hutchison and Dr J. K. Dods

The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs G. Hutchison, of Lewdown, Devon, and Janet, daughter of Mr and Mrs S. E. Dods, of Hornton, Oxfordshire.

Mr J. F. Schlesinger and Miss M. M. Franklin

The engagement is announced between John Schlesinger, son of Dr and Mrs S. J. G. Spencer, of Oxford, and Monica, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Franklin, of Hythe, Kent.

Royal Marine entries

The following candidates have entered the Commando Training Centre, Royal Marines, Lympstone:

Direct graduate entry

Acting Lieutenants (short career commission): J D Hoyle, University C of N Wales, K Henry VIII S, Abergavenny; B S F Kelly, Warwick University, Howard S, Kent; C M P Smith, Leeds University, Rugby S; M L Smith, Bristol University, Sevenoaks S; S M Swani, Birmingham University, K Edward's S, Birmingham.

Direct entry

Second Lieutenant (short career commission): S C Austin, Blundell's S, Devon; I R Blaber, Portway S, Bristol; R H Bridge Gresham's S, Norfolk; T D Keighley, De Lisle RC Comp S, Leicester; M A Le Breton, Poole G S; R J Ley-Wilson, Eastbourne C; A J Petheram, Queen's College, Taunton; R C Williams, Warminster S.

Birthdays today

Professor Sir Philip Baxter, 79; Mr Scobie Breasley, 69; Lord Briggs, 63; Sir Charles Cunningham, 78; Sir Reay Geddes, 72; Professor R. Y. Goodden, 75; Sir James Gowans, 60; Mr Robin Hanbury-Tennison, 48; Mr Michael Hawkes, 55; Sir Lenox Hewitt, 67; Lieutenant-Commander Sir Robert Hobart, 69; Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull, 77; Lord Kirkhill, 54; Mr David Leach, 73; Sir Basil Nield, 81; Mr Tony O'Reilly, 48; Sir Leonard Paton, 92; Mrs Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, 57; Sir Arthur Snelling, 70; Miss Elizabeth Söderström, 57; Mr David Tomlinson, 67; Sir Huw Wheldon, 68.

Lincoln's Inn awards

The following awards have been made:

Pre-pupillage scholarships (maximum £1,250): P J Sales, Churchill College, Cambridge; I P Bridge, Exeter College, Oxford; Miss F A London, Birmingham Univ; M G Swainston, Downing College, Cambridge.

Major scholarships

Maximum £6,000 over two years: Miss C J Bryant, Girton College, Cambridge; J A McGhee, University College, Oxford.

Maximum £3,000: A J Sendall, Robinson College, Cambridge; Miss S E McLaughlin, Leeds Univ; C R Parker, Keble College, Oxford; N J Clifford, Brasenose College, Oxford; Miss T Kyriakides, Newnham College, Cambridge; J N Goose, Leeds Univ; T D Huckle, Jesus College, Cambridge; Miss S J Stanley, Somerville College, Oxford; A Gourgey, Bristol Univ; W A L Cohen, Nottingham Univ.

Bursaries (maximum £1,500): W R Hunter, Leeds Univ; D T Nolan, Nottingham Univ; Mrs L E Armitage, Leeds Univ; G L Evans, University College, London; P A J Kilcoyne, Birmingham Univ; J N Reddyhough, Christ Church, Oxford; C R F Tidmarsh, Merton College, Oxford; Miss G B Goff, Leeds Polytechnic; Miss D McClure, University of Western Australia; G D Liddle, Christ Church, Oxford; K Shakir Khalil, Queen's College, Cambridge; Miss E T Jones, Liverpool Polytechnic; A M Hopkins, St Peter's College, Oxford; D L Dabbs, Manchester; N M Williams, Leeds Univ; J L Anthoson, Keele Univ; Miss E J Talford, Hull Univ; Miss S J Dean, Ealing College of Higher Education; K D J Hobson, Warwick Univ; Miss A Crossfield, Birmingham Univ; R N Sheldon, Leeds Univ; J D Swain, Leicester Polytechnic; P E Poxon, Newcastle Univ.

Upjohn Award for Mature Students: A Bandurka.

Latest wills

Mr Philip Winstone, of Bournemouth, left estate valued at £528,124 net. After personal legacies *totalling £129,000 he left the residue* to the British Heart Foundation.

Sir Almeric Frederic Conness Rich, of Milton Keynes, governor in Prison and Borstal Service, left £92,279 net.

Mr Stanley Stephenson, of Harrogate, formerly of Pool-in-Wharfedale, a farmer, left £1,349,933 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Berry, Mr George Thomas, of Dingley, farmer £508,948
Goffe, Mr Ronald Henry, of Banbury £307,982
Jeynes, Joan Clinton of Churcham, Gloucestershire....................£388,130
Lister, Mrs Constance Valerie, of Leeds....................£258,329
Parcell, Margaret Jean, of Wisborough Green, West Sussex..£268,682
Stinson, Mr William Walford, of Bournemouth £275,217
Stockwell, Mr Leonard Hugh, of Great Missenden, chairman of Reynor & Co....................£490,519
Taylor, Mr Arthur Hugh Enfield, of Midhurst, West Sussex.......£423,509

Science report

Magnetic field therapy revived

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The lower part of the ankle and leg is poorly supplied with blood vessels. As a consequence, fractured bones often refuse stubbornly to knit together and, for the same reason, badly damaged ligaments and tissues may be slow to mend. Fractures in which bones are slow to reunite include those caused in motor cycle and skiing accidents.

Various methods for stimulating the blood supply to the injured parts of the leg and ankle have been tried over the past 10 years. Among them is a revival of magnetic field therapy.

The idea is straightforward. The limb is placed in a large magnetic coil. When an electric current flows through the coil, the magnetic field produced stimulates a corresponding small electric current in the bone and surrounding tissues.

Although magnetic field therapy has been fairly widely used in Britain and the United States, and there are reports of high success rates in accelerating repair, an understanding of the physiology underlying the procedure is far from complete.

The latest assessment of the method comes with the interim results of clinical trials at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield, the Sheffield University, and Peterborough District General Hospital. The findings are made by doctors A. T. Barker, R. A. Dixon, W. J. W. Sharrard and M. L. Sutcliffe. They say in the latest *Lancet* that they believe it is the first reported, double-blind, clinical trial of the efficacy of a pulsed magnetic field in the treatment of non-uniting fractures.

The trial was made with patients with fractures of the tibia which had not united for at least 52 weeks. The patients, all volunteers, were allocated randomly to either an active or a dummy pulsed magnetic field simulator, and their leg was treated in full-length plaster for 24 weeks.

Fractures in five of the nine patients with working machines and in five of the seven patients with dummy machines united.

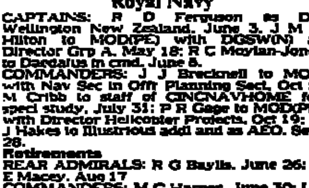
The criteria for selection for treatment were stringent. Over a year had to elapse since the break. No operative treatment had to be given in the six months before the trial. The break had to be in the shaft of the bone, 5 cm or more from the knee or the ankle joint.

The medical and technical staff in the clinic, and the patients, were unaware of the type of machine supplied for the treatment.

The machines were used for 12 to 16 hours every day, with a minimum session length of one hour. Patients were asked to keep a logbook of their use, and that was checked against a concealed clock in the machine.

The report recommends a trial at several centres, covering about 150 patients, to get a satisfactory assessment. At the present rate of recruitment to the Sheffield trial it will take many years to complete the research, the doctors say.

Appointments in the Forces



Royal Navy

The Army

RAF

OBITUARY

DIANA DORS

Conspicuous career on and off the screen



Diana Dors, who died on May 4 at the age of 52, was an actress whose career as the "blonde bombshell" of the British screen and heroine of numerous sleazy crime films in which she played the inevitable good time girl, was always in danger of being challenged by the revelations about her private life published in the popular press.

In recent years she enjoyed a different kind of celebrity as, cheerfully overweight, she occupied such different roles as newspaper Agony Aunt, autobiographer of the more lurid sort, television slimming adviser and mature even motherly actress of a somewhat serious bent. She had also latterly borne with treatment for cancer which included surgery, with great resilience.

In reality after the fairly orthodox start – drama school leading to small parts in films – her career was bedevilled by the attempt to launch her as a sex queen, the British answer to Marilyn Monroe and Brigitte Bardot. The trouble was that the films were so poor artistically, and despite often lurid titles only moderately successful at the box-office, that the publicity was forced to concentrate on the indiscretions of a somewhat stormy private life. That Diana Dors actually had acting talent was revealed later in her career when she took on more challenging parts; but by then she was too old (and had put on too much weight) to qualify as a blonde bombshell.

She was born Diana Fluck in Swindon, Wiltshire, on October 23, 1931. While training for the stage at the London Academy of Dramatic Art she was spotted in a production and put into films, making her debut in a thriller, *The Shop At Sly Corner*, when she was only 15. After further films she was offered a ten-year contract by the Rank Organisation, then running its ill-fated Charm School to discover and groom British stars who would match the idols of Hollywood.

She was seen briefly in the prestigious *Oliver Twist* and several times, notably as the cousin in the Huggett films, hinted at a flair for comedy, but her career failed to advance and the Rank contract lapsed in 1950. The break was followed by even less distinguished films, two brief appearances on the West End stage and even a tour as a music-hall singer. But by this time – the early 1950s – the publicity bandwagon was rolling so strongly that nothing could stop it. With her platinum blonde hair and well-endowed figure, Diana Dors became one of the best-known figures in the land and everything she did made news.

Rank offered another contract but Diana Dors declined it, preferring to work with Sir Carol Reed on his film of East End life *A Kid for Two Farthings*. The following year (1956) she took a deliberately unglamorous role in a prison melodrama, *Yield to the Night*, but this stab at "serious" acting did not entirely convince.

There followed a brief and disastrous interlude in Hollywood – a long-term contract with RKO ended abruptly when the company went bust and her presence in America provoked direct and unflattering comparisons with Marilyn Monroe who was then at the height of her career. By the end of the 1950s the chance to establish her as a screen siren had almost gone, the final failure marked by a film called *Passport to Shame*. She played yet another prostitute but the part was much smaller than the billing.

She continued to appear regularly in films, though no longer a leading lady, and increasingly she was cast as a middle-aged mother-figure. She also did a stage act in the Northern clubs. The publicity cooled off, to be revived from time to time when a fresh instalment of her life story appeared in the newspapers. In 1960 she was paid £35,000 for her memoirs by the *News of the World*, a venture condemned by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Not that her private life was short on colourful material. She was separated from her first husband and the man mainly responsible for her early publicity campaigns, Dennis Hamilton, in 1957. Her second marriage, to the American comedian Dickie Dawson, which produced two sons, ended after eight years and she married her third husband, the actor Alan Lake, in 1968. In the same year she was declared bankrupt, owing £48,000 in tax. In October 1970 Lake was sent to prison for 18 months after a stabbing in a public house brawl.

Dors's professional career enjoyed a brief revival when she appeared in a London stage play, *Three Months Gone*, and a film, *Deep End*, though a television series, *Queenie's Castle*, which was written for her, proved a disappointment. Her Queen Jocasta at the 1974 Chichester Festival suggested the start of more ambitious things, which did not materialize; and she returned to her cabaret act and small parts in films.

In 1974 she came close to death from meningitis and underwent operations for cancer in 1982 and 1983. Resilient and cheerful in the face of adversity, she produced yet another instalment of her memoirs under the title, *For Adults Only*; ran an agony column in a daily newspaper; and in 1983, by now well over 14 stone, took part in a slimming feature on breakfast television. Stardom may have long since disappeared but she was still, undeniably, a celebrity.

AIR COMMODORE G. S ODDIE

Air Commodore Gerard Stephen Oddie, DFC, AFC, died on May 3, at the age of 88.

In the First World War Oddie served in the East Surrey Regiment and King's Liverpool Regiment before joining the Royal Flying Corps. He won the DFC in India in 1919, and in 1925 was awarded the AFC as a test pilot at Farnborough.

In 1938 he commanded Boscombe air station, and subsequenstly was Fleet Aviation Officer in the Nelson.

Mrs Phyllis Digby Morton, former editor of *Woman and Beauty* and widow of Digby Morton, the designer, died in Grand Cayman on April 28.

BOB CLAMPETT

Bob Clampett, the animator who was the co-creator of the yellow canary Tweety Pie and his famous "I tawt I tawt a puddy tat" cry, died in Detroit, Michigan, on May 2. He was 70.

Clampett was a writer and director for Warner Brothers in the 1930's, when the studio produced its looney tunes and merrie melodies shorts featuring Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Porky Pig and Tweety Pie. Another creation was Sylvester the Cat.

Mr Frank Pickford, who died on April 28, was Under-Secretary in the General Manpower division of the Department of Employment from 1970 to 1972.

Cranwell graduations

Air Vice-Marshal R. G. Ashford, Commander Southern Maritime Air Region, was the reviewing officer when 106 officers of No 75 initial officer training course graduated from the Royal Air Force College Cranwell.

The Prize-winners were:

Hennessy trophy and Philip Sassoon memorial prize: Flying officer M. K. Lee (best all-round cadet); British Aircraft Corporation trophy: Acting Pilot Officer C. Stroud (highest marks for professional studies); Overseas students prize: Pilot Officer Fiyadh Suleman Yousuf Al-Baluchi (best overall performance).

Graduating Officers: General Duties Branch (pilot):

Flying Officers C M Locke BSc, C A Munro BSc, D M Tassell, P J Weston.

Pilot Officers M C Allton BSc, D S Anderson BSc, C J Betts BSc, R D Cray BSc, M F Davidson MA, W R Gibson BSc, M St J J Gilbert BSc, M J R Hill BSc, R J B Jordan BSc, J K McDines BSc, M L Moore BSc, N J Parfitt BEng, W D McWilson BSc.

Acting Pilot Officers: R C Blair, J H Brough, S M Brownlow, M G Cairns, J W Clark, T Couston, C D J Cranstoun, R G Glover, A R Griggs, T W Jones, A St J Nash, A F Parkinson, M D Parsons, G P Russell, A L Scott, C Stroud.

Church news

THE ARTS

Dance

Cavalier approach

Swan Lake
Dominion

Alicia Alonso's production of *Swan Lake* for the National Ballet of Cuba, ostensibly "after the original" by Petipa and Ivanov, derives not much more than its general structure from that source, except in the second of its four acts (the famous scene with the swans by the lake) and the big duet in Act III. There are times when, even if the dancers perform familiar steps to the usual piece of music, one suspects it might be coincidence. Before blaming Alonso too much for that, however, it is fair to remember that British producers with better opportunities than she to know the original have been equally cavalier in their treatment.

A more legitimate complaint is that, with some of the mime omitted and acting mainly perfunctory, she takes the story-telling pretty much for granted. Among individual touches introduced is a little play with masks staged by the jester, commenting satirically on the command given to Siegfried by his mother that he must marry. The jester is a particularly tiresome example of that balletic species (and not very well danced by the two casts I saw); the queen mother, however, is strongly cast with leading dancers and is made a kindlier character than usual, in spite of having to eat supper in the background while Siegfried dances with Odile.

Julio Castano's designs are gaudy, and Rembert Egues conducts the pick-up orchestra with a wild alternation of notably fast and slow tempi – presumably at the producer's or the dancers' wishes. Act IV follows Diaghilev's precedent in being only a short epilogue, and adopts the Russian idea of having all the swans return finally in human form.

There are to be different casts at every performance. Of the first two, on Friday and Saturday afternoon, Loipa Araujo was an accomplished but entirely impassive Odette/Odile; Ofelia Gonzalez in that role has ugly feet but dances with forceful manner and has even more brilliant pirouettes than Araujo.

The best individual performance was Jorge Esquivel's as the first Siegfried. Most of his roles have him bare-chested, rippling his biceps and pectorals; wearing an old-fashioned tunic for once he suddenly looks like a well-behaved traditional *danseur noble* of the Bolshoi school, very correct and courteous. But even he suffers to some extent from the over-emphatic, jerky attack of the Cuban men generally, strong partners and jumpers, but without much fluency.

John Percival

E. J. Craddock's Publishing column has been held over for lack of space



Klaus Tennstedt (above) is back with his London Philharmonic Orchestra, at the Festival Hall tonight and on Friday, largely playing the Austro-German repertoire for which he is renowned: interview by **Paul Griffiths**

Lusty survivor in a great line

"I worked in Halle, a small place in East Germany. You know?" "Yes", I reply, "Handel's town." "Ah yes, the English composer", and Tennstedt's sarcasm is sugared with the gentlest of smiles.

Now nearing the end of his first season as principal conductor of the London Philharmonic Orchestra, Klaus Tennstedt has outlived his honeymoon period. We are no longer overawed by so lusty a survivor of the German tradition, and have begun to detect the dangers in his imperious decisiveness: the way that sheer musical power can occasionally degenerate into exhibitionism. Last year's performances of Mahler's Sixth Symphony, and the recording that followed them, generated fierce controversy between those who took all the angst and oddity as a faithful interpretation of the clues laid in the score and those who thought Tennstedt just went way over the top.

His charm and his geniality in conversation are intact, however. He expresses himself very definitely, even if the right English words do not come readily, and yet he is eager to listen, to explore ideas other than his own. Perhaps that is one reason for his success as a musician.

The success came uncommonly late. Tennstedt began his career as a violinist: his first post in Halle was that of leader of the orchestra. "But then I suffered from a disease to my left hand, and it was inoperable so I couldn't play any more. I had never thought of becoming a conductor: I thought perhaps I might be leader of the Berlin Philharmonic one day. But I had always watched conductors very closely when I was playing for them, and in those days – the late 1940s and early 1950s – we had a lot of great conductors coming over from the West: Knappertsbusch, Sabata, Abendroth and others."

These were all the teachers Tennstedt had or needed. Indeed, he is rather cynical about the possibility of training conductors. "You can teach people to beat one-two-three-four, and maybe even five. But what else? I learnt by observing, and then I started work in the theatre as a repetiteur. After six months or so I began to conduct minor operas – Lortzing and so on – and then gradually it got to be more."

He remained in the opera house when he moved from Halle to Dresden in 1958, and he even made a few appearances outside East Germany, when he conducted at Hamburg under the Liebermann regime. The West German opera houses gave him more work when he left East Germany in 1971: he conducted the German première of Gottfried von Einem's *Das Besuch der alten Dame* in Berlin, and he appeared in Munich and Hamburg, although his main base was in Sweden. But he was still very far from being an international name until he made his debut with the Boston Symphony Orchestra in 1974.

"It was – excuse me for saying so – a huge success, and you know what happens in America: if one of the orchestras is on to something, then all of the others want to be in on it too. And then London hears something. So I was invited here to conduct the London Symphony Orchestra, and after them the LPO. In fact EMI asked me to record a Mahler cycle with the LPO before I had ever conducted them, and I even signed the contract before I had conducted them. It was a bit of a gamble. But then happily I found the orchestra so wonderful to work with."

His rapport with them, he thinks, is probably helped by his own experience as an orchestral musician. "I am very glad, now as a conductor, that I was a string player, because I can tell the musicians how to make a specific sound I want: how to finger a passage, how the bowing should go, where there should be a little glissando. This is so necessary, because every work has its own particular sound – every Mahler symphony has its own sound. The Sixth is very strong and hard whereas others, like the Fourth, are much more flowing and lyrical, almost like Schubert. Also, I think the players trust me because I was once one of them."

The Mahler cycle that was his first project with the LPO is now almost complete: only the Eighth remains to be done. This will be the only symphony not performed first at a public concert for reasons of expense, which is a great pity – not only because it would be good to hear Tennstedt conduct a live performance of the work, but also because he likes to go into the recording studio with the experience of a concert performance behind him. "You waste less time, and the feeling in the orchestra is better."

But the Eighth will not mark the end of his Mahler recordings with the LPO, since they plan to do all the orchestral songs and song cycles, including *The Song of the Earth*. But not the Tenth Symphony. "Not the Tenth, no. For me the Cooke realization is a great experiment. We know how many changes Mahler made in his scores after the first draft, and I am absolutely convinced that even the Adagio, which I have recorded, would not have stayed the same if Mahler had lived to make a final version."

With his recording and concert work centred on Mahler, Strauss, Bruckner and Beethoven, he has ceased to be the operatic conductor he was in his youth. There was a run of *Fidelio* performances at the Metropolitan in the winter. But he finds it difficult to make enough time for opera, especially when he is in such demand by the LPO and other orchestras for a vigourous approach to the classics of the nineteenth-century symphonic tradition.

"That is the repertory which I do best, and where I feel happiest. And naturally, when I go on tour with the orchestra, they want to hear me and the orchestra play German music. But I don't think the LPO has a particularly German sound or a German style: one of the great things about this orchestra is its flexibility."

We can expect, therefore, some broadening of Tennstedt's range, from the classical period to the Second Viennese School. "I like Schoenberg very much, also Berg of course and some Webern, though in London one has to be very careful about programming modern music. Also, while I am in England I want to conduct some English music: Vaughan Williams, Britten, *The Planets*. And of course Handel."

Theatre

Inmates of a human menagerie

Cries from the Mammal House
Royal Court

On past encounters Terry Johnson has struck me as one of those coldly unnerving writers who present human beings as if they were observing the behaviour of an alien species: and in this piece he takes the logical step of lining up his characters as inmates of the human menagerie.

Set partly in a bankrupt private zoo on the south coast and partly on Mauritius, *Cries from the Mammal House* tells two parallel stories of destruction and conservation. But, while Alan, the zoo-owner, sets about slaughtering his doomed livestock and his brother David makes off to the Indian Ocean to protect an endangered species, you also become aware that the animals' predicament is shared by the humans: disinherited, imprisoned within invisible bars, manipulated by forces beyond their control.

Alan slaved for 20 years for a father who sold out before his death: not to mention assaulting his granddaughter who now lives in semi-darkness cultivating an animal identity. Unemployment thrusts her boyfriend into a hated butchering job. Alan's wife, a psychotherapist, is cut off from her profession in a dead marriage. (Love, in the author's terms, is the most treacherous trap of all.) And, when David arrives in Mauritius, he finds the local Chinese and Hindu population immured in their own home-made cages.

However, David has taken a stuffed dodo with him from his father's collection: and this prompts the natives to lead him to a secret reserve where the dodo has survived, alive and well, to rescue the family fortunes.

If I understand this episode, it is a contradictory happy ending for a piece on the evils of imprisonment. And, often, the relationships of the characters are puzzingly oblique, and seemingly governed by an indecipherable sub-text. There is no such obstacle when Mr Johnson is writing about their relationship with animals: for instance in the beautifully designed scene of an egg-hatching party for David and his friends including a Hindu boy who sticks a needle through his tongue, thus throwing the party into an uproar in which the precious egg is smashed.

Phil Young's production is cool, poised and austere, giving each figure the chance to establish itself as a separate specimen. Some of the parts come over as lifeless constructs (the luckless Jennie Stoller has two of these). But Roger Rees transmits a saint-like gentleness as the conservationist: and Leo Wringer is spell-binding as the Creole native who leads him to the dodo's lair.

Irving Wardle

Candy Kisses
Bush

Although John Byrne's wickedly accurate set clearly locates his play in an Italian pension, its occupants all seem to hail from elsewhere.

The first voice is that of a brattish New Yorker (Carmen du Sautoy) screaming telephonic abuse at her faithless lover back in Manhattan. This is closely followed by the accents of an Irish landlady and a Glaswegian dandy; at which point the penny drops. The author of the world-orbiting *Slab Boys* has found a new outlet for his provincial internationalism, grafting the language of Kerry and Paisley on to the inhabitants of the Corso Garibaldi to the equal non-comprehension of English-speaking visitors.

The date is 1963, and draft-dodging and assassinations are in the air. The Glaswegian joker and his grim-faced crony are awkward squad terrorists planning to gun down the Pope from Signora Nonna's balcony. Her old friend Umberto, a fascistic maker of ecclesiastical furniture whose merits have been unjustly overlooked by the Vatican, cherishes the same plan. Meanwhile Larry, a touchy young Los Angeles virgin, lusts vigorously after the New York lady; and Anni, a German art restorer (Bridget Ashburn, unaccountably adopting a German accent) calmly works away on a fresco amid the surrounding hubbub.

Candy Kisses is mainly a game of cross-purposes. The separate groups misunderstand each other in every possible way, from verbal blockages to false identification. When the terrorists lose their gun it goes through the hands of everybody else until Miss du Sautoy finally aims it at the quaking Larry and blows off the head of the pension's madonna. Whereupon news come through of the Kennedy assassination.

As a juggling act, Robin Lefevre's production is an amazing exercise in controlled anarchy; and where situation and lines come together the result is blissfully funny. "My little bunch of faggots will be at your disposal", says Umberto, brandishing his fascist emblem towards Larry as a reincarnated Mussolini. Just as often, however, the misunderstandings are mechanically contrived, and vitality is preserved only by the actors. Given the performances of John Sessions, Freddie Boardley and Mark Lambert, that is quite a lot to be going on with.

Irving Wardle

Life's a Dream
Pit

The disorientation starts before the play: where are you to sit? The Pit's banked seating is on all four sides this time: but within it, diamond-wise, is another square of seats surrounding a cockpit-like playing area. Calderon's most famous play, written about 1635, uses characters that might have come from Ariosto or *opera seria* (and Rossini and Schubert operas do use part of the story). But the complexity of their experience, in action and imagery alike, makes Chinese boxes or a hall of mutually reflecting mirrors look simple by comparison, and I suspect that John Barton and Adrian Mitchell, in their adaptation, have made the actual poetry more dizzyingly intricate while simplifying the style.

The result, though still cheating us of Spain's supposed Golden Age masterpiece in its original form, is a unique evening in the theatre, sometimes frustrating, sometimes astounding. The version can be pop or crude on one page, poetically and philosophically precise on the next.

Arriving like a Handelian leading lady *en travesti*, Rosaura seeks her unknown father and her princely seducer. She stumbles on a remote fortress containing another disowned child, the king's only son, Sigismund. Shocked by portents, his father has kept him in ignorance and captivity since birth. Presently, to test the predictions, he is drugged, regally dressed, and (not surprisingly, given his bestial usage) turns out the expected tyrant, murdering an equerry, condemning his jailer Clotaldo (actually Rosaura's father) to death and half-raping Rosaura before being drugged again and reimprisoned. His day's reign was a dream, he is told.

His long journey towards moral regeneration and an understanding of reality, which finally leaves him king, is illustrated by a network of imagery and mirrored by other characters' dilemmas. The stars foretelling his cruelty reappear as images flattering two lovely ladies who also bear starlike names. Honour, ever present in the Spanish classics, is ironically introduced by Rosaura's servant Clarion (given the stock-clown treatment by Anthony O'Donnell); then Christopher Neame, as her seducer, claims its sanction for not marrying a fatherless lady. Theatre itself is named as a Pirandellian mirror of life: even Clarion drinks to escape "reality".

Miles Anderson negotiates Sigismund's infinite variety with superb assurance: cheeky Prince Hal, vicious Nero, half-bestial Kaspar Hauser or self-knowing Hamlet (Shakespearian echoes are legion).

Barbara Kellermann (Rosaura) switches just as fluently between *Don Giovanni* tragedy and the exaggerated comedy of *Daisy Pulls It Off*. Twitching his wicked whiskers, Mr Neame plays the heartless, humorous Astolfo with delicious comic poise.

Anthony Masters

Television

A touch of showbiz for the intellectuals

One of the strangest spectacles still to be seen in Sicily is a travelling puppet theatre whose *pièce de résistance* is a performance of *The Song of Roland*. Performing under a five-foot proscenium arch and accompanied by drumming and screaming from the wings, the three-foot knights belabour each other, bathed in ketchup, in a manner which is blood-curdlingly tragic.

At its best, notably with with Sir Lancelot (David Robb successfully impersonating Errol Flynn) and Sir Mordred (Nickolas Grace, with wild eyes and jerky movements), John Barton's **Le Morte d'Arthur** (BBC2) had a touch of that medieval magic. The trouble was, it also had a touch of Monty Python.

Barton himself, as magnificently obsessional a narrator as you could hope (or fear) to find, told the story, hunched and conspiratorial in his prison cell, making a feast of his consonants and handing out a splendid array of collector's terms: "disparbled" (dispersed for ever), "brast" (the fate of Sir Lucan's heart), "waters wap and waves wan" (which was all the mendacious Sir Bedivere reported seeing at the lake). Sir Lancelot, overcome by remorse (well, he *had* seduced Queen Guinevere and slaughtered everyone in sight), "dried and dwined away". Poetry, certainly, of a sort.

With ecstatic verve, Gillian Lynne (of *Cats*) choreographed the silent actors' movements; Stephen Oliver set them to music at once martial and intimate. With softly overlaid images and the momentum of a speeded-up Twenties silent, it was all very easy on the eye. "Eroticism too!" shouted *Radio Times*. Malory's text, with its underpinning of stylized morality, may not have played up that particular quality, but there is no point in quibbling. This was the intellectual's showbiz, going out to keep the culturally squeamish happy while Wogan's puppets danced on their strings in Luxembourg.

Monty Python was only one of the influences hovering over the shoulder of Alfresco (ITV): Emma Thompson and her friends borrow freely and without apology from the collected riches of two decades of British sketch-writing, but everything they do is fresh and funny. They might usefully take a look at **Supermilers** (Channel 4), which ripped the wings from its own ankles with the aid of an absolute turkey of a commentary.

In **My Dinner With Louis** (BBC2), Wallace Shawn simultaneously parodied a film he had written and extracted some interesting thoughts from France's leading film-maker. Shawn's meal with Malle was less pretentious than Clive James's recent banquet with Polanski, but his aim was, dare one say it, more serious.

Michael Church

Concert

Boston Symphony Chamber Players
Wigmore Hall

I hope that those members of the Boston Symphony Chamber Players who were not involved will forgive me. But it would be unfair not to focus attention on the songs by Charles Ives and Ravel that so obviously dominated this concert, and especially so given the superlative singing of the mezzo-soprano Jan DeGaetani.

Ives's conscious rejection of stylistic dogma itself amounts to a style within which infinite expressive possibilities present themselves, and certainly the songs performed covered a lot of ground. There was the curiously combined mystery and familiarity in "Down East", for example, making a striking contrast with the teasing pastiche of Tchaikovsky in "The Side Show". Likewise the bizarre, nebulous nostalgia in "Remembrance", with the piano's naked fifths and the offstage contributions from flute and violin, opposes the progress from anarchy to order in "From *Paracelsus*", while the tortured, personal chromaticism of "Like a sick eagle" was here cleverly offset by the awe-inspiring evocation in "Sunrise".

All this Miss DeGaetani took in her stride, as did her pianist, Gilbert Kalish. But in Ravel's passionate, savage *Chansons Madécasses* she excelled. Her richly sensuous singing of the first song, "Nahandove", was matched to perfection by the cellist, Jules Eskin, and her aggression in "Aoua!" seemed to send shudders of fear through the entire audience.

Poulenc's Sextet for wind and piano makes comparatively few demands on the listener. For the players it is a *different* matter, but Boston's wind principals obviously know each other's ways thoroughly, and theirs was a vibrant, characterful reading, even if some of the humour in it might have been less sophisticated. How unfortunate that the concert had to end with a performance of Mozart's Clarinet Quintet which was polished so smooth that the music seemed featureless where it should have been vividly sublime.

Stephen Pettitt

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Divisional Court

Right of way survives alterations to tenement

Graham and Another v Philcox and Another

Before Lord Justice May and Lord Justice Purchas

[Judgment delivered April 18]

The mere alteration of a dominant tenement to which a right of way was appurtenant by an extension in the size of the tenement was not by itself sufficient to extinguish the easement.

The Court of Appeal, in reserved judgments, allowed an appeal by the plaintiffs, Dr Finlay MacKenzie Graham and his wife, against Judge Hammerton's dismissal on October 19, 1983, at Tunbridge Wells County Court of their claim against the defendants, Mr Robert Philcox and his wife, for a declaration that they were entitled to a right of way along a drive at 6 Hungershall Park, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

The plaintiffs' claim was based upon section 62(2) of the Law of Property Act 1925.

Mr Robert Reid, QC and Mr David Hodge for the plaintiffs; Mr Gerald Godfrey, QC and Mr S. Bickford-Smith for the defendants.

LORD JUSTICE MAY said that the plaintiffs as the freehold owners of The Coach House, High Rocks Lane, Tunbridge Wells, had claimed an unobstructed use of a right of way from those premises over the defendants' adjoining land, 6A Hungershall Park, Tunbridge Wells, to the road, Hungershall Park.

The judge dismissed the claim and declared on the defendants' counterclaim that there was no subsisting right of way over the defendants' land for the benefit of the plaintiffs' property.

At one time all the relevant land had been under one ownership. It was known as 6 Hungershall Park and comprised a large house with a garden and a coach house.

On December 10, 1960, the owner of the whole land, Mr C. J. Maples, let the upper floor of the coach house to one Braithwaite for five years together with a right of way for all purposes over the entrance drive of 6 Hungershall Park along the west side of the garden as far as the demised premises.

In September, 1963 Braithwaite assigned his interest in the residue of the term to one Devaney.

In November 1963 Mr Maples let the ground floor flat at the coach house to one Wilcox for a term of three years with a similar right of way on a different side of the garden.

Mr Maples died in December 1973 at about which time the big house was converted into two semi-detached houses, 6A and 6B Hungershall Park, 6A being on the western half of the property.

By a conveyance of November 5, 1973, Maples' executors conveyed to Wilcox the land on which the coach house stood together with the building with its two flats.

Next, by a coveyance of June 1977 the executors conveyed 6A Hungershall Park to the defendants subject to the rights of way granted to the tenant of the first floor flat of the coach house by the lease to Braithwaite.

Finally the successors in title to Wilcox in November 1977 conveyed the whole coach house to the plaintiffs who, after Devaney had given up his statutory tenancy of the upper flat, occupied the whole coach house as a residence.

The plaintiffs' claim had been brought after the defendants had locked a gate across part of the right of way and had refused to let the plaintiffs continue to use it.

The plaintiffs' case was that the right of way was an easement enjoyed and used by Devaney at the time of the conveyance to the plaintiffs' predecessor in title, Wilcox. By virtue of section 62 (2) that conveyance operated to convey the right of way to Wilcox through whom it was conveyed to the plaintiffs.

The defendants contended that as the dominant tenement for the benefit of which the way was now claimed (the whole coach house) was not the same but was greater than the dominant tenement for the benefit of which the way was originally granted (the upper flat in the coach house) the plaintiffs could not use the way now that the coach house was one dwelling.

The statement of Lord Justice Romer in *Harris v Flower & Sons* ((1905) 74 LJ Ch 127,132), cited in *Gale on Easements*, 14th ed. (1972) p 282, had to be considered in the context of the facts of that case.

The mere alteration of the coach house into one dwelling could not have any effect upon the existence of the right of way.

There was no evidence that the actual or anticipated user by the plaintiffs of the way was excessive. No real distinction could be drawn between the instant case and *Wright v Macadam* ([1949] 2 K B 744). The appeal should be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE PURCHAS, agreeing, said that the judge concluded that the easement created by the lease of December 10, 1960 came to an end at the termination of that lease. His Lordship found nothing in the wording of section 62 to indicate that the "land conveyed" could not include land subject to a lease or an adverse right of occupation by a tenant protected by statute.

Wright v Macadam supported the submission that mere alteration to the extent of the dominant tenement was not effective to destroy an easement or right.

The easement had not been destroyed by enlarging the physical dimensions or altering the nature of the dominant tenement from two individual flats to one dwelling house. But the character and extent of the burden imposed on the servient tenement must not be enlarged.

Solicitors: Thomson, Snell and Passmore, Tonbridge; John Pearson, New Malden.

Adjoining occupiers

Cobstone Investments Ltd v Maxim

The definition of "adjoining occupiers" in Case 2 of Schedule 15 of the Rent Act 1977, whereby a court could order possession against a protected or statutory tenant who had been guilty of conduct that was a nuisance or annoyance to adjoining occupiers, was not to be narrowly construed as meaning only properties physically adjoining the tenant's property, Lord Justice Dunn, sitting with Mr Justice Wood, held in the Court of Appeal on April 11.

HIS LORDSHIP said that the statement in *Megarry, The Rent Acts* (10th edition p271) that all that the context seemed to require was that the premises of the adjoining occupiers should be near enough to be affected by the tenant's conduct at the demised premises was an accurate statement of the law.

Court of Appeal

Providing specimens for test

Cotter v Kamil

Before Lord Justice Robert Goff and Mr Justice Mann

[Judgment delivered May 3]

The driver of a motor vehicle who had provided a positive breath specimen at the roadside and two breath specimens for analysis at a police station, was lawfully required to provide an additional specimen of blood under section 8 (3) (*b*) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as amended by Schedule 8, paragraph 8 (3) to the Transport Act 1981, when the Lion Intoximeter 3000 used to analyse the breath specimens indicated before the analysis was complete that it had reached a temperature at which analysis was unsatisfactory.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court allowed PC Richard Cotter's appeal by case stated from the dismissal, on July 24, 1983, by Mr K. J. H. Nichols, metropolitan stipendary magistrate sitting at Old Street, of a summons issued by the constable against Mr R. M. Kamil, alleging that he had, without reasonable excuse, refused to provide a specimen of blood for laboratory analysis.

Mr Kenneth Macrae for the prosecutor; Mr Robin Pearse Wheatley for the defendant.

LORD JUSTICE ROBERT GOFF said that the case turned on the proper construction of section 8(3)(*b*) of the Road Traffic Act 1972, as amended. Section 8(1) of the Act provided that a constable could require a person suspected of driving with excess alcohol to provide either two specimens of breath for analysis at a police station, or a specimen of blood or urine for a laboratory test.

Section 8(3) provided: "A requirement under this section to provide a specimen of blood or urine ... cannot be made at a police station unless ... (*b*) at the time the requirement is made a device or a reliable device ... is not available at the police station or it is then for any other reason not practicable to use such a device there; ...".

On their ordinary and natural meaning the words "the requirement" in section 8(3)(*b*) referred back to the opening words of the subsection and meant the requirement to provide a specimen of blood and not, as counsel for the defendant had submitted, and as the magistrate had accepted, the requirement to provide a specimen of breath.

Furthermore, the words "is not available" meant not available for the purpose for which the device was intended, namely, full and proper analysis of blood samples.

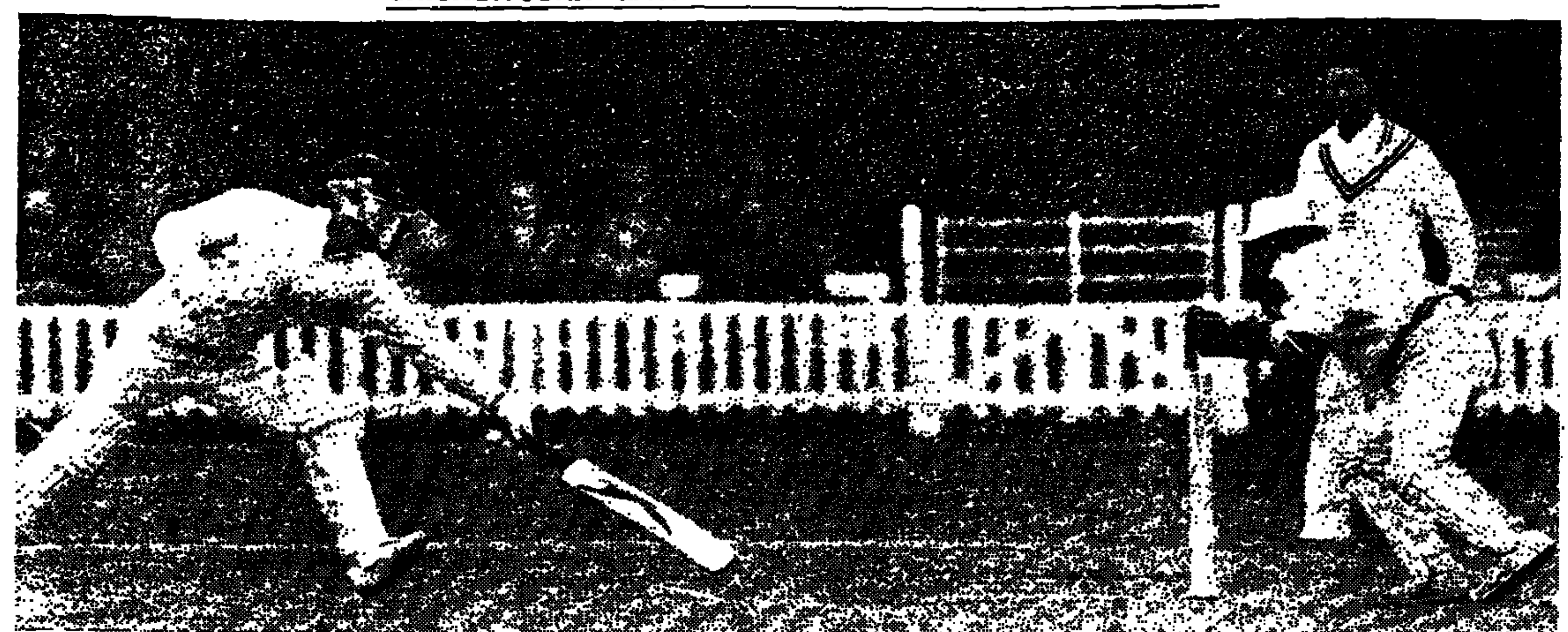
In the present case the device became unreliable before it had completed analysis of the samples, and accordingly, at the time the requirement for the blood test was made, it was not available within the meaning of section 8(3)(*b*).

The magistrate had erred in dismissing the summons at the close of the prosecution case and the case would be remitted to him for the hearing to be resumed.

Mr Justice Mann agreed.

Solicitors: Solicitor, Metropolitan Police; Prothero & Prothero, Greenwich.

CRICKET: JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE AND BENSON & HEDGES CUP



Another wicket in Kent's decline and fall: Downton stumps Aslett off the bowling of Emburey at Lord's yesterday. (Photograph: Ian Stewart).

Kent at low ebb against Emburey

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

LORD'S: Middlesex (4 pts) beat Kent by seven wickets

Middlesex exacted full revenge in yesterday's John Player League match for the defeat they had suffered at Kent's hands in the Benson & Hedges on the previous day. In reversing Saturday's result they bowled Kent out for 83, their lowest Sunday score, and won with the last 10 overs to spare.

The absence of Cowdrey, Woolmer and Ellison, all injured, could not account for Kent's really awful batting. Nor could the pitch, which, though grassy, played well enough. It was bitterly cold, but that was more to the fielders' disadvantage than the batsmen's. Kent even got a bit of a start, being 34 for one when the twelfth over started. To be bowled out after that for so few took a lot of doing.

They were hopelessly bogged down against Emburey, bowling at and outside the leg stump. It is not much of a way of bowling, and there were times, I thought, when he could have been called for Sunday wides. But he was not, and no one found an answer to him. There was no need for any spectacular Middlesex catching. No one on the Kent side played the shots for that.

I wondered what Alderman, Kent's Australian recruit, made of it all. Batting in his Australian sweater, he arrived to find an outsize West Indian, Daniel, charging in to bowl at him, just as has been happening for the last three months.

When Kent took the field, Alderman at once bowled Slack. His action in not quite what it was. He is more of a putter of the ball, now, and on this showing moves it less than he did before his right shoulder was torn apart. But this weekend figures of 15–7–21–3 reflect his continuing accuracy.

Kent's lowest ebb came at the end of the first over of the Middlesex innings. Bowled by Jarvis, it included four offside wides and two no-balls. After that Middlesex were made to work harder for the few runs they needed.

The best cricket of a cheerless match was, in fact, the duel between Gatting and Underwood. Gatting saw it as a matter of pride as well as tactics not to be subdued. His footwork in seeing to this was as good as I have seen against Underwood since Redpath played him from as far down the pitch in the Headingley Test match of 1968.

KENT

L Potter b Daniel	7
N R Taylor c Downton b Cowans	12
*C J Tavare b Emburey	12
D G Aslett st Downton b Emburey	6
S G Hinks b Cowans	1
G W Johnson st Downton b Edmonds	13
†A P E Knott b Emburey	2
C Penn c Butcher b Daniel	13
D L Underwood l-b-w b Hughes	0
T M Alderman not out	4
K B S Jarvis c and b Daniel	0
Extras (l-b 4, w 7, n-b 2)	13
Total (38.5 overs)	83

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–10, 2–34, 3–35, 4–40, 5–44, 6–48, 7–65, 8–75, 9–82, 10–83.

BOWLING: Daniel 6.5-2-7-3; Cowans 8-0-26-2; Edmonds 7-2-14-1; Hughes 7-0-13-1; Emburey 8-3-10-3.

MIDDLESEX: First innings

W N Slack b Alderman	0
C T Radley not out	41
R O Butcher c Taylor b Jarvis	6
*M W Gatting c Taylor b Penn	25
K P Tomlins not out	1
Extras (l-b 1, w, n-b 5)	11
Total (3 wkts, 29.3 overs)	84

J E Embury, P H Ednonds, †P R Downton, S P Hughes, W W Daniel and N G Cowans did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–6, 2–20, 3–72.

BOWLING: Jarvis 7-3-16-1; Alderman 8-5-12-1; Underwood 8-2-26-0; Penn 6.3-0-19-1.

Umpires: M J Kitchen and P B Wight.

Man of the moment bathes in spotlight

By Simon Barnes

It was not a normal day. The sun was shining in Leeds. The Headingley crowd was in a holiday humour. And it was time to set the unthinkable headline: "Yorkshire Win Game of Cricket Shock". And there was the man of the moment, in his rightful place at centre stage, positively swaggering about, bursting with enthusiasm and enforcing his will on players and on Yorkshire's Benson & Hedges Cup match against Leicestershire.

But another fellow, one Geoffrey Boycott, had a very different day. His reappearance before the faithfull thousands was a performance of modest restrain, as he fielded in undemanding positions like mid-off and when he came out to bat in the afternoon, there was none of the wild applause a mere southerner might have expected. It was just clap-clap, now git on wi' it, lad. Boycott made six. But Yorkshire still won comfortably enought.

No, the swaggering fellow in the middle was a different man altogether and perhaps the only man about whom no one said anything really nasty last winter, a stunning achievement for a senior Yorkshire cricketer. David Bairstow, the wicketkeeper, in his first season as captain and already with county championship and B & H wins under his belt, is in the process of holding his own. "I know this is the hottest bed to lie in," he said. "But I'll just get on with the job."

He seemed to be positively revelling in it, a bounce in his stride and a massive gasp of amazement every time the ball failed to take a wicket. "I am enjoying captaincy very much," he said. "It is certainly a challenge, but things are going OK. Morale was high at the start of the season and after beating Somerset, it is that much higher. Everyone is in high spirits and working for each other."

If Bairstow can sustain this, he will have proved himself a miracle worker. He is an exceptional man: in all the winter rancour, no one suggested that the demi-god and committee member for Wakefield, G Boycott, be appointed captain in his place. Not even the leader of the pro-Boycott guerrillas who staged the winter coup d'etat, Sidney Fielden, now chairman of the public relations (Ha!) sub-committee. "You just had to see the way Bluey inspired the players on the first day of practice to know that he'd make a success of it," he said.

Yorkshire are in bullish mood right now. You cannot argue with results, or with figures like 900 new members. "I'm looking at the future with bright optimism", Bairstow said. Mr Fielden summed things up thus: "It's really all about trying to be nice to people. And ou know, Yorkshire cricket has not always been nice."

Pringle's stand is in vain

By Marcus Williams

CHELMSFORD: Nottinghamshire (4 pts) beat Essex by six wickets.

Half centuties by Broad and the captain, Rice, helped Nottinghamshire to a comfortable victory in the John Player League yesterday after they had put Essex in and restricted them to 173 for 9 on a blustery afternoon.

That Essex were able to set even a modest target was due almost entirely to Pringle, whose 81 off 87 balls included six fours and a six and was his highest score in the competition. He came in after the openers had fallen to the fifth and eight balls of the match and then saw McEwan depart in the fourth over with only 10 on the board.

After a deal of playing and missing early on he used his great reach to hit strongly on both sides of the wicket and twice indulged i a reverse sweep off Hemmings. With a century in sight, he was run out by Rice's underarm throw after backing up too far when Turner drove Cooper straight to mid on. Hardie and Phillip gave useful support and Turner, who was out in the final over for a typically determined 34, helped in a six wicket stand of 47 in seven overs.

Nottinghamshire's start wa serene by comparison for although Johnson was dismissed in the seventh over. Broad and Rice kept the scoreboard ticking over at about the required rate. They had added 63 when the left-handed Broad's impressive innings was ended at 56 when he failed to beat a direct hit on the non-striker's wicket from the substitute fielder Lilley at cover.

ESSEX:

*G A Gooch c French b Cooper	1
C Gladwin l-b-w b Hadlee	4
K S McEwan b Cooper	5
D R Pringle run out	81
B R Hardie c Johnson b Saxelby	18
N Phillip b Saxelby	15
S Turner c Birch b Rice	34
†D E East l-b-w b Rice	2
N A Foster b Hadlee	4
J K Lever not out	2
D L Acfield not out	0
Extras (l-b 6, W 1)	7
Total (for 9 wkts; 40 overs)	173

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–5, 2–5, 3–10, 4–81, 5–93, 6–146, 7–151, 8–166, 9–172, 10–173.

BOWLING: Hadlee 8-0-37-2; Cooper 8-2-20-2; Hemmings 8-1-26-0; Saxelby 8-0-47-2; Rice 8-0-36-2.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

B C Broad run out	56
P Johnson l-b-w b Lever	13
*C E B Rice c Gooch b Lever	55
D W Randall run out	5
R J Hadlee not out	32
J D Birch not out	1
Extras (b 7, w 3, n-b 2)	12
Total (4 wkts 38.4 overs)	174

R T Robson, †B N French, K Saxelby, K E Cooper and E E Hemming did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–25, 2–88, 3–105, 4–160.

BOWLING: Lever 7.4–1–28–2; Philip 7–0–35–0; Foster 6–0–31–0; Acfield 8–0–29–0; Pringle 8–1–30–0; Turner 2–1–8–0.

Umpires: H D Bird and A Jepson.

Well judged run chase by Sussex

By Richard Streeton

SOUTHAMPTON: Sussex (4pts) beat Hampshire by three wickets

Alan Wells, who pulled Nicholas for six and four from the first two balls of the last over, took Sussex to an exciting win in this John Player League match. Wells drove and pulled freely as Sussex, needing 227, judged their run chase well.

Hampshire's innings reached a crescendo with the final 10 overs bringing 99 runs. Nicholas scored 43 from his last 14 balls, including four sixes. These were magnificent strokes: Le Roux was hit over square leg and extra cover, then successive balls from Reeve went over midwicket and back over the bowler's head.

Nicholas and Jesty, the other main contributor, each batted 20 overs but Jesty's tempo was more even. Smith fell to a good catch by Gould to his right: Terry to another tumbling one by Parker at deep point. Jesty and Turner holed out to deep square leg. Pigott boled steadily after his recent shin operation.

Mendis and Gould were soon out when Sussex batted. Parker settled in but fell to a remarkable catch by Turner, who clung right-handed to a fierce pull as he dived at square leg. Two on-driven sixes againsr Cowley by Colin Wells kept Sussex in contention before he was stumped.

Sussex needed 86 from 10 overs, 48 from five and 23 from two. Creig was bowled before Alan Wells, who hit a legside six against Nicholas, and Le Roux added 59 in seven overs with fiercely struck blows. Le Roux was then caught at mid-off. In the 39th over Wells ondrove Reifer for six before Phillipson was caught in the gully from the last ball.

HAMPSHIRE

V P Terry c Parker b Pigott	30
C L Smith c Gould b Greig	7
T E Jesty c Parker b Pigott	62
M C J Nicholas not out	77
D R Turner c Phillipson b le Roux	15
*N E J Pocock not out	21
Extras (b 4, l-b 6, w 2, n-b 2)	14
Total (for 4 wkts, 40 overs)	226

N G Cowley, T M Tremlett, †R J Parks, E L Reifer and S J Malone did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–29, 2–72, 3–126, 4–155.

BOWLING: Wells 8–1–29–0; le Roux 8–1–53–1; Greig 8–0–52–1; Reeve 8–0–53–0; Pigott 8–1–25–2.

SUSSEX:

G D Mendis c Parks b Malone	27
†I J Gould c Parks b Tremlett	1
P W G Parker c Turner b Cowley	22
C M Wells st Parks b Tremlett	44
A P Wells not out	71
I A Greig b Malone	7
G S le Roux c Pocock b Nicholas	34
C P Phillipson c Terry b Reifer	8
*J R T Barclay not out	0
Extras (l-b 9, w 4)	13
Total (7 wkts, 39.2 overs)	227

D A Reeve and A C S Pigott did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–21, 2–37, 3–86, 4–121, 5–142, 6–201, 7–217.

BOWLING: Malone 8-0-45-2, Tremlett 8-0-42-2, Cowley 8-2-29-1, Reifer 8-0-43-1, Nicholas 7.2-0-55-1.

Umpires: B Duddleston and D R Shepherd.

Extras that helped Worcester to win

By Peter Ball

BRADFORD: Worcestershire (4pts) beat Yorkshire by 31 runs.

Yorkshire's defence of their John Player League title – the one bright spot in their dismal 1983 – began inauspiciously before a large and optimistic crowd at Bradford yesterday. Needing 174 to win, the total looked well within their grasp during an opening partnership of 63, but they fell apart, the next 8 wickets going down for only 64 runs.

The main damage was done by Patel and Illingworth, the Worcestershire spinners, whose bowling against Somerset in late August had done so much to help Yorkshire to the trophy. This time Yorkshire were the victims.

Patel, in particular, bowled well, even claiming that most unlikely of dismissals. Boycott, who was stranded down the wicket and departed, stumped by Humphries, who reached his 100 wickets and a thousand runs in Sunday League cricket in the afternoon. But well as Patel bowled, claiming 3 for 18, the strikes which saw the exit of Love, Bairstow, Carrick and Hartley were not simply the result of good bowling.

Worcestershire's total of 173, after an accident-prone beginning, owed a lot to stands of 56 for the fourth wicket between D'Oliviera and Neale, and a pugnacious 44 for the seventh wicket between McEvoy and Inchmore. It also owed something to extras which was the highest scorer with 30, and if leg byes contributed 18 of that total the 10 wides were little to the credit of the Yorkshire bowlers.

The tidiest of them, for the second day running appropriately, was Oldham, whose appointment as bowling coach was the last act of Illingworth and the old committee. He proved his charges with an object lesson, removing D'Oliviera and Neale as he conceded only 16 runs.



Patel: bowled well

WORCESTERSHIRE: First innings

T S Curtis run out	1
M J Weston b Fletcher	14
D N Patel run out	12
*P A Neale c Bairstow b Oldham	28
D B Oliveira c Bairstow b Oldham	28
M S A McEvoy not out	27
†D J Humphries c Fletcher b Carrick	5
J D Inchmore b Sidebottom	19
R K Illingworth not out	9
Extras (b 1, l-b 18, n-b 30)	30
Total (7 wkts 38 overs)	173

R M Ellcock and A P Pridegon did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–17, 2–32, 3–41, 4–97, 5–102, 6–111, 7–155.

BOWLING: Fletcher 8–0–23–1; Dennis 7–0–31–0; Sidebottom 7–0–23–1; Oldham 8–0–16–2; Hartley 3–0–23–0; Carrick 5–0–25–1.

YORKSHIRE

G Boycott st Humphries b Patel	23
M D Moxon c Humphries b Inchmore	33
K Sharp c Inchmore b Illingworth	24
J D Love c d Olivera b Patel	2
S N Hartley c Humphries b Pridgeon	10
*D L Bairstow c Patel b Illingworth	6
P Carrick c McEvoy b Illingworth	0
A Sidebottom c Inchmore b Ellcock	10
S J Dennis l-b-w b Patel	3
S Oldham not out	8
S D Fletcher c Neale b Ellcock	8
Extras (b 6, l-b 7, n-b 2)	15
Total (37.4 overs)	142

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–63, 2–65, 3–84, 4–101, 5–108, 6–106, 7–112, 8–122, 9–127, 10–142.

BOWLING: Ellcock 6.4-0-23-2, Pridgeon 8-1-26-1, Inchmore 7-0-22-1, Illingworth 8-0-38-3, Patel 8-2-18-3.

Umpires: D J Constant and B Leadbeater.

Warwickshire overcome a difficult task

Edgbaston: Warwickshire (4pts) beat Surrey by four wickets

Paul Smith, making a league best 49 not out, and Anton Ferreira, unbeaten with 36, secured an unlikely win for Warwickshire by scoring 81 off 51 balls against Surrey.

Their seventh-wicket stand, in only 33 minutes, steered the home side past Surrey's 223 for nine with four balls and four wickets to spare in a remarkable finish.

Smith, the 20-year-old younger brother or David Smith, the county opener, went in at 145 for six in the thirty-first over and immediately hit three sixes off David Thomas.

Thomas conceded 39 runs in his last three overs, with Ferreira securing victory by hitting the first two balls of the last over for four.

SURREY

A R Butcher, run out	53
*G P Howarth, b Gifford	38
M A Lynch, b Ferreira	60
A J Stewart, run out	1
A Needham, b Ferreira	18
D J Thomas, b Ferreira	9
R D V Knight, c Humpage, b Small	9
†C J Richards, run out	3
M A Feltham, not out	4
S T Clarke, b Ferreira	0
P I Pocock, not out	2
Extras (b 4, lb 17, w 5)	25
Total (for 9 wkts; 40 overs)	223

FALL OF WICKETS. 1–92, 2–105, 3–113, 4–173, 5–197, 6–210, 7–214, 8–218, 9–221.

BOWLING: Small, 8–0–28–1; Smith, 5–0–23–0; Ferreira, 8–0–49–4, Lethbridge, 5–0–28–0, Kallicharran, 6–0–41–0, Gifford, 8–0–28–1.

WARWICKSHIRE

D L Amiss c and b Feltham	52
T A Lloyd b Feltham	4
A I Kallicharran c Stewart b Knight	65
†G W Humpage c Knight b Feltham	0
Asif Din b Pocock	15
G J Lord run out	1
A M Ferreira not out	36
P a Smith not out	49
Extras (b 1, l-b 2, n-b 1)	4
Total (6wkts 39.2 overs)	226

C Lethbridge, *N Gifford and G C Small did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–6, 2–113, 3–113, 4–134, 5–139, 6–145.

BOWLING: Feltham 8–0–41–3, Thomas 8–0–58–0, Pocock 8–0–36–1, Knight 8–0–45–1, Clarke 7.2–0–42–0.

Umpires: D G L Evans and J Harris.

Hopkins leads charge

SWANSEA: Glamorgan (4pts) beat Gloucestershire by 70 runs.

A polished innings of 73 by Glamorgan opener Hopkins laid the foundation of a comfortable win over Gloucestershire yesterday. Hitting a six and 12 fours before he was run out, Hopkins scored his half century in 50 minutes and, together with Ontong, put on 69 for the second wicket. Glamorgan reached 100 in 65 minutes.

Ontong was dismissed by Doughty for 38 and Younis Ahmed had scored 34 when he retired, after suffering a hairline fracture of the cheekbone from a delivery by Lawrence.

Glamorgan closed at 223 for nine and Gloucestershire struggled against accurate bowling and sharp fielding. Romaines, their opener, was dropped when he was nine and went on to contribute a painstaking 32. Russell, the wicket keeper, forced the pace, but Gloucestershire needed 10 an over when he came in at fourth wicket down. Although Russell made his best John Player League innings of 43, Gloucestershire were 71 short of their target at the close.

GLAMORGAN: First innings

J A Hopkins run out	73
A L Jones c Russell b Shepherd	29
R C Ontong c Graveney b Doughty	38
Younis Ahmed ret hurt	34
S P Henderson not out	20
J G Thomas c Shepherd b Lawrence	7
J F Steele run out	0
Extras (b 6, l-b 13, w 3)	22
Total (5 wkts; 39 overs)	223

C J C Rowe, T Davies, *M W W Selvey and W W Davis did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–67, 2–136, 3–174, 4–222, 5–223.

BOWLING: Lawrence 8-0-45-1; Sainsbury 7-2-26-0; Shepherd 8-0-31-1; Childs 4-0-30-0; Graveney 6-0-29-0; Athey 4-0-25-0; Doughty 2-0-15-1.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

A W Stovold c Davies b Thomas	1
P W Romaines c Hopkins b Ontong	32
C W J Athey c Davis b Selvey	19
Zaheer Abbas c and b Davis	7
†R C Russell c Jones b Selvey	43
R J Doughty run out	1
*D A Graveney c Steele b Thomas	9
J N Shepherd c Steele b Thomas	24
J H Childs not out	10
G E Sainsbury not out	6
Extras (l-b 2, w 1, n-b 2)	5
Total (8wkts, 39 overs)	153

D V Lawrence did not bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1–4, 2–35, 3–52, 4–61, 5–62, 6–104, 7–115, 8–140.

BOWLING: Thomas 8–0–29–3, Selvey 8–0–40–2, Steele 8–1–16–0, Davis 8–0–32–1, Ontong 6–2–21–1, Rowe 1–0–10–0.

Umpires: C Cooke and P J Eele.

Ellison (left) in form, and Alderman, making debut for Kent.

Ellison takes plaudits and the gold award

By Ivo Tennant

There were few surprises in the first round of the Benson and Hedges Cup matches on Saturday. That is to say, Scotland, Minor Counties, and Combined Universities did not win. But then what realistic hopes of success have they?

Middlesex, the holders, did lose, and by 77 runs to Kent. Alderman, the Australian, was among the wickets in his first game for the hop county. There is every chance he will make the same impact in one season that van der Bijl did in 1980 – for Middlesex. The plaudits, however, and the gold award, went to Ellison.

Essex, the other finalists of last year, eventually won their match at 8.15 in conditions that would confound a light meter. Umpire Bird, needless to say, was present and fussing around. But Gloucestershire, no doubt, preferred to conclude events rather than have to return from Swansea for a few overs today.

Benson and Hedges Cup (55 overs)

CHELMSFORD: Essex 228 for 3 (B R Hardie 52 not out, G A Gooch 57). Gloucestershire 217 for 9 (49 overs; Zaheer Abbas 67). Essex won by 5 runs. Gold award: B R Hardie (Essex).
SWANSEA: Glamorgan 178 for 9 (R C Ontong 81 not out; I T Botham 4 for 51); Somerset 182 for 7 (49 overs; P W Denning 63). Somerset won by 3 wkts. Gold award: R C Ontong (Glamorgan).
SOUTHAMPTON: Combined Universities 154 (49.2 overs; K A Hayes 67); Hampshire 155 for 1 (47 overs; C L Smith 82). Hampshire won by 9 wkts. Gold award: C L Smith (Hampshire).
TRENT BRIDGE: Nottinghamshire 219 for 7 (D W Randall 57); Worcestershire 181 (52.2 overs; C E B Rice 4 for 80). Nottinghamshire won by 29 runs. Gold award: B French (Nottinghamshire).
HEADINGLEY: Leicestershire 172 (P Willey 54); Yorkshire 178 for 3 (50 overs; K Sharp 49). Yorkshire won by 7 wkts. Gold award: P Willey (Leicestershire).
BOWDEN: Minor Counties 219 for 4 (R E Hayward 78 not out, N A Riddell 59); Lancashire 223 for 4 (53.2 overs; J Abrahams 66 not out, S J O'Shaughnessy 50). Lancashire won by 6 wkts. Gold award: R E Hayward (Minor Counties).
LORD'S: Kent 220 for 9 (R M Ellison 72; W W Daniel 5 for 31); Middlesex 143 (47 overs; J E Emburey 50). Kent won by 77 runs. Gold award: R M Ellison (Kent).
NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire 256 for 3 (W Larkins 83, R J Bailey 77, A J Lamb 56 not out); Scotland 230 (54.3 overs; R G Swan 55). Northamptonshire won by 26 runs. Gold award: A J Lamb (Northants).

County Championship

EDGBASTON: Warwickshire. First innings 275 (100 overs, 254 for 8: G J Lord 55): Surrey. First innings 19 for no wkt (8 overs). Bonus points to date: Warwickshire 3, Surrey 4.

SNOOKER

White's black day as Davis shoots ahead

By Sydney Friskin

One must speculate in order to accumulate, goes the old saying. But in the first period of the 35-frame world professional final sponsored by Embassy, at the Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, yesterday Jimmy White did the speculating and Steve Davis the title-holder, the accumulating. He led 6–1.

In an hour and 50 minutes Davis dictated the course of play with his impeccable cue action and sustained accuracy, frequently forcing White to stop and think. He put him in several tight corners and capitalized on his mistakes.

It was not the happiest of afternoons for White who won the longest frame – the fourth – which lasted 24 minutes. He was a little unlucky to lose the third which he began with a break of 47, his highest of the afternoon. Davis replied with a break of 37 and gave him another chance with only two reds left, but after taking the last one and potting the blue he found himself snookered on the yellow.

Having overcome this difficulty he left this ball over a pocket for Davis to take. White's misfortunes continued when he not only failed to pot the green but also provided a winning chance for Davis who eliminated all the colours to win on the black ball.

Even after after he had won the fourth frame to come back to 3–1 White was a little worried and complained to the referee that the ball had not been running true in one area of the table, but Paul Hatharell, the tournament director, said that the table had been properly checked and that the deviation of the cue ball had probably been caused by finger prints and chalk marks. White could do little to stop Davis from running away with the next three frames, but it was his first appearance in the final whereas Davis was making his third.

The semi-final match between White and Stevens continued and ended on Saturday at a rousing gallop, White winning 16-14. It was a lively contrast to what at one time seemed a one-horse race which preceded it when Davis beat Dennis Taylor 16-9, having started the day 14-8 ahead.

During an interview Stevens said "I always play extremely well against Jimmy; he turns me on," and with a friendly gesture added "How I hate you". As far as White was concerned this match and the 1982 semi-final in which he lost to Alex Higgins were the best games he had played in his life.

After fortunes had changed dramatically on Saturday White began the 30th frame of the match leading 15-14. He made a break of 44 but was never completely secure until his final run on the colours up to the pink.

SCORES: Semi-final: S Davis (Eng) bt D Taylor (N Ire) 16-9. Frame scores (Davis last): 65-69, 81-38, 67-44, 57-68, 53-34, 111-26, 53-66, 70-56, 56-26, 104-29, 38-61, 38-78, 65-64, 112-0, 88-8, 0-66, 98-0, 68-19, 93-20; 35-70, 0-89, 82-8, 70-48, 58-66, 70-50. J White (Eng) bt K Stevens (Can) 16-4. Frame scores: (White first): 58-60, 63-13, 69-55, 54-27, 93-6, 58-47, 9-75, 0-139, 36-84, 91-25, 22-87, 15-71, 100-10, 47-85, 19-115, 94-2, 44-55, 17-64, 17-94, 108-5, 62-29, 57-50, 60-54, 47-32, 93-4, 74-41, 83-0, 37-58, 37-76, 95-27. Final: Davis leads J White 6-1: Frame scores (Davis first): 73-14, 84-24, 70-65, 51-73, 69-39, 110-15, 77-38.

IN BRIEF

Casey goes to court

Hull Kingston Rovers' captain, Len Casey, is to take out a writ against the Rugby League after being suspended for eight matches for being sent off twice last month, and six months for pushing a touch judge.

The Great Britain forward is to apply to the High Court for an interim order that will ask for the two suspensions to be set aside pending a full hearing. Casey's solicitor, Max Gold, a Hull Kingston Rovers director, said yesterday tha it was hoped that the preliminary hearing would take place next week.

Casey has had to drop out of Great Britain's summer tour to Australia and New Zealand as a result of the suspensions.

GOLF: Tom Watson took a two-stroke lead with a 67 in the third round of the $400,000 (280,000) Tournament of Champions at Carlsbad, California on Saturday. Watson, who as already won the event twice, finished the day on 207 – nine under par. Nick Faldo finished nine strokes behind on 216 after a 71.

BASKETBALL: Britain go into the pre-Olympic qualifying tournament in Grenoble next week with their confidence not altogether restored by yesterday's 78–76 victory in Birmingham over a team of All Stars from the National League (Nicholas Harling writes). The win avenged the previous night's 73–72 defeat at Leicester but what must be disturbing for the British coach, Tom Schmeenan, is that his squad seemed to lack the teamwork of their opponents.

MOTOR CYCLING: The world championship leader, Eddie Lawson, came one step closer to deposing the absent 1983 champion, Freddie Spencer, in Madrid yesterday, with an easy win in the 500cc Spanish Grand Prix. Lawson led from the start to finish. He was followed home by another American, Randy Mamola, the Frenchman Raymond Roche, and Ron Haslam of Britain.

GOLF

A touch of class from Miss Douglas

By Mitchell Platts

Kitrina Douglas completed an astonishing transition from amateur to professional when she won the Ford Ladies Classic at Woburn Golf and Country Club on Saturday. Miss Douglas, aged 23, an amateur only eight days before the tournament started, composed a last round of 71 for an eight-under par winning aggregate of 292.

She won by four strokes from Peggy Conley, the former United States Curtis Cup golfer, who had a 77. Miss Douglas won £3,000 and Miss Conley £2,400 of the £20,000 prize money.

Miss Douglas, the former British champion, started two strikes behind Miss Conley. She caught her rival at the fifth, forged ahead and, although Miss Conley counter-attacked with an eagle three at the 11th, she moved clear with some Impressive golf. Miss Douglas missed only three fairways throughout the week, and only one on Saturday, and there has rarely been a more impressive entry to the professional game by either sex. Ben Crenshaw's victory in the San Antonio Open in 1973 springs to mind.

LEADING TOTALS: 292, K Douglas, 73, 75, 73, 71. 296, P Conley (US), 78, 74, 67, 77. 300, J Forest, 81, 74, 72, 73. 303, T Fernando (Sri Lanka), 71, 78, 75, 79; J Brandwynne (US), 77, 75, 77, 74; J Smith, 77, 77, 69, 80. 304, M Walker, 78, 78, 79, 81. 305, J Lee-Smith, 76, 74, 79, 75; F Dassu (It), 81, 77, 71, 76. 306, C Panton, 83, 77, 72, 74.

Home rule at Lytham

By John Hennessy

The Lytham Trophy yesterday yielded surely the most popular victory in the 20 years of its existence. There have been more distinguished winners than John Hawkesworth but they lacked the essential ingredient for popular acclaim – membership of the host club. Hawkesworth had final rounds of 75 and 70 for a total of 289.

Hawkesworth, now 23, promised to break through to the top when he was chosen as an England reserve two years ago but 1983 was a year of recession. Now he has won two important trophies in rapid succession.

LEADING SCORES: 289: J Hawkesworth (Royal Lytham), 70,74,75,70. 291: A Sherborne (Long Ashton), 70,74,77,70. 292: D Gilford (Trentham Park), 74,73,73,72. 293: G Macgregor (Glencorse), 74,71,74,74. 294: P McEvoy (Copt Heath), 70,76,74,74. 295: F George (Beaconsfield), 76,74,71,74; V McCandless (Crewe), 74,75,75,71. 296: L McNamara (Woodbrook), 73,75,77,71; C Laurence (Warren), 78,73,77,68. 297: T Cleary (Fermoy), 73,71,79,74; N Roderick (Pontardawe), 73,75,72,77; R Eggo (L'Ancresse), 75,71,73,78.

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division: at Crystal Palace: 1, Shaftesbury 130 points; 2, Ilford, 121; 3, Croydon 108; 4, Ealham 92; 5, Newbury 86. at Norwich: 1, Norfolk 127; 2, Haringey 122; 3, Metropolitan Police 104; 4, Bedford 92; 5, Peterborough 90. at Woking: 1, Cambridge 121; 2, Hounslow 119; 3, Ipswich 114; 4, Woking 95; 5, Hercules/Wimbledon 88. at Portsmouth: 1, Old Gaytonians 125; 2, Thames Valley Harriers 108; 3, Oxford City, 103½; 4, Portsmouth 100; Highgate Harriers 99½. at Battersea Park: 1, Bracknell 123½; 2, Crawley 121; 3, Reading 114; 4, South London 94; 5, Bexley 82½.
TOKYO: International meeting: Men's High Jump: 1, T Sakamoto, 2.30m (Japanese record).
POTSDAM: East Germany, Olympic qualifying meeting: heptathlon: 1, S Paetz (EG), 6,868 points (world record; 200m, 23.37; 800m, 2:08.90; 100m hurdles, 12.64; high jump, 1.80; long jump, 6.86; shot, 15.37; javelin, 44.62). 100m: 1, M Gohr (EG), 10.88.
CRYSTAL PALACE: UAU championships: Men 100 metres: 1, C Orr (Loughborough) 10.8 sec 10,000m 1, A Guilder (Loughborough) 30.25.3, (championship record); long jump: 1, M Hausler (Birmingham) 7.24 (championship record); hammer: 1, C Kabitis (Birmingham) 43.40. Women: 100m: 1, L Smith (Reading) 12.1; 3,000m: 1, B Everley (Leicester) 9.35.7s (championship record); 4 x 100 metres: 1, Birmingham 50.3. high jump: 1, T Murray (Hillingdon) 1.69; shot: 1, Y Hanson-Nortey (Loughborough) 14.39 (championship record); discus: 1, D Bushell (Birmingham) 45.80; javelin: 1, J Zasiona (Birmingham) 50.98 (championship record).

BOXING

WEMBLEY: ABA national finals: Light-fly-weight: J Lyon bt W Williams pts. Fly: P Clinton bt J McBride pts. Bantam: J Hyland bt D Anderson pts. Feather: K Taylor knocked out P Moylet, third round. Light: A Dickson bt C Crook pts. Light-welter: D Griffiths bt W Buchanan pts. Welter: M Hughes bt R Thomas third round. Light-middle: R Douglas bt N Munn pts. Middle: B Schumacher bt R Barker pts. Light-heavy: A Wilson bt C Edwards pts. Heavy: D Young bt J Farrugia pts. Super-heavy: R Wells bt E McLean pts.
SAN JUAN: WBA cruiserweight championship: Osvaldo Ocasio (Puerto Rico) bt Johnny Odhiambo (Uganda), fifteenth round.

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Friday: Detroit Tigers 9, Cleveland Indians 2; California Angels 4, Seattle Mariners 1; Minnesota Twins 3, Oakland Athletics 1; Toronto Blue Jays 4, Kansas City Royals 3; Chicago White Sox 5, Boston Red Sox 3; Baltimore Orioles 2, Texas Rangers 0; Milwaukee Brewers 1, New York Yankees 0. Saturday: Detroit Tigers 6, Cleveland Indians 5; California Angels 3, Seattle Mariners 1; Minnesota Twins 5, Oakland Athletics 4; Toronto Blue Jays 10, Kansas City Royals 1; Baltimore Orioles 7, Texas Rangers 5; Chicago White Sox 8, Boston Red Sox 5; Milwaukee Braves 2, New York Yankees 1.
NATIONAL LEAGUE: Friday: New York Mets 2, Houston Astros 0; Chicago Cubs 7, San Diego Padres 5; San Francisco Giants 2, St Louis Cardinals 0; Cincinnati Reds 9, Philadelphia Phillies 5. Saturday: Houston Astros 10, New York Mets 8; Pittsburgh Pirates 8, Los Angeles Dodgers 7; Montreal Expos 2, Atlanta Braves 1; Chicago Cubs 6, San Diego Padres 5; Philadelphia Phillies 11, Cincinnati Reds 2; San Francisco Giants 7, St Louis Cardinals 0.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION: Friday: Eastern conference semi-finals (best-of-seven series): New York Knicks 100, Boston Celtics 92 (Boston leads series, two games to one). Saturday: New Jersey Nets 106, Milwaukee Bucks 99 (series tied, two games apiece). Western conference, semi-finals: Dallas Mavericks 125, Los Angeles Lakers 115 (Los Angeles lead series, 2-1). Phoenix Suns 106, Utah Jazz 94 (Phoenix lead series, 2-1).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCHES: Leicester (Saturday): Britain 72 (Way 21, Johnson 15) All-Stars 73 (Robinson 23, Brandon 14, Cunningham 13, Byrd 11). Birmingham (Sunday): Britain 76, All-Stars 75.

CYCLING

BLESSINGTON: Tour of Ireland (stage five, 90 miles): 1, G Thomson, 3hr 52min 0sec; 2, R McSherry, 3:52.40; 3, B Nickson, 3:52.48. Overall: 1, B Downs, 19hr 30min 53sec; 2, H Oersted, 19:30.58; 3, Thomson, 19:34.15. Teams: 1, Falcon, 58hr 44min 5sec; 2, Irish Olympic Squad, 58:55.24; 3, Merseyside, 59:19.7.
ZURICH: Championship road race: 1, P Anderson (Aus); 2, H Seiz (Switz); 3, P Gavazzi (It).
PARIS: Polymultiplee race: Leading positions: 1, M Madiot (Fr), 3hr 17min 27sec; 2, L Fignon (Fr), 20sec behind; 3, K Andersen (Den), 26sec.
MADRID: Tour of Spain: Stage 19, leading positions: 1, N Dejonckheere (Bel), 3hr 18min 51sec; 2, G van Calster (Bel); 3, G Mantovani (It), same time.

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

BRITISH GRAND PRIX, Haverfordwest: 1, D Wright 194 out of 200; 2, G Brocklesby 193, plus 47 out of 50 in tie shoot; 3, K Underwood 193, plus 46. Juniors: 1, J Donoghue 188; 2, C Jackson 183; 3, J Watkins 182. Veteran: 1, M Pasmayer 178.

DIVING

FORT LAUDERDALE: International competition: Men's 10-metre platform finals: 1, G Louganis (US) 646.65 pts; 2, R Meyer (US) 580.83; 3, L Layland (US) 576.52. Other placing: 11, C Snode (GB) 487.19. Women's 10-metre platform finals: 1, W Wyland (US) 427.41 pts; 2, D Fuller (Can) 420.60; 3, J McArton (Can) 408.42.

REAL TENNIS

CAMBRIDGE: Amateur doubles championship: First round: A C Lovell and M F Dean bt S N Williams R F Hollington 6-1, 6-2, 6-1; D R Brazier and R Warner bt M G Simpson and D S Mills 6-2, 6-0, 6-3; T J Taylor and G P Baker bt Bevan-Thomas and B D Rich 4-6, 6-2, 6-4, 3-6, 6-5; D Colquhoun and T D J Warburg bt J J Carr and I Warner 6-2, 6-1, 6-2; N J J Pendrigh and M V Taylor bt R Wilde and D E Palmain 6-2, 6-1, 6-2; J D Ward and P G Seabrook bt N Brown and G Pearson 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; M J N Peacock and P Raby bt C C Pell and A B Martin 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; R D B Cooper and R M Graydon bt S C Somerville and N S Cobb 6-0, 6-1, 6-2. Second round: Lovell and Dean bt Brazer and Warner 6-1, 6-1, 6-0; Colquhoun and Warburg bt Taylor and Baker 6-0, 6-0, 6-0; Ward and Seabrook bt Pendrigh and Taylor 6-4, 6-2, 6-2; Cooper and Gradon bt Peacock and Raby 5-6, 6-0, 6-5, 6-3. Semi-finals: Lovel and Dean bt Colquhoun and Warberg 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; Ward and Seabrook bt and Graydon 6-3, 6-4, 6-4. Final: Lovell and Dean bt Ward and Seabrook 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 5-6, 6-4.
HAYLING ISLAND: Women's open singles: Semi-finals: K Allen bt M Wright 6-0 6-0, L Ronaldson bt S Macintosh 6-1, 6-1. Final: Allen bt Ronaldson 3-6, 6-2, 6-1.

CANOEING

KAATSHEUVEL, Netherlands: International slalom: Men's K1: 1, P Micheler, (WG), 173.18sec; 2, J Dolan, (GB), 182.07; 3, J Desmond, (Fr), 189.07. Women's K1: 1, L Sharman, (GB), 191.37; 2, G Allan, (GB), 195.14; 3, G Schmid, (WG), 199.5; J Roderick, (GB), 205.7. Men's C1: 1, J Sannelier (Fr), 198.41; 2, P Bell, (GB), 204.42; 3, R Donan, (GB), 217.08; 4, R Black, (GB), 217.79. Men's C2: 1, Kuppers/Klein-Impelmann, (WG), 235.42; 2, Arrowsmith/Brain, (GB), 204.08; 3, Saudi/Delcroy, (Fr), 245.58; 4, Walling/Ambridge, (GB), 253.43.

EQUESTRIANISM

JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA, Spain: International tournament: First event 1, M Whitaker (GB), Courtway Clear /67.01sec; 2, Whitaker, Mastermind, 0/67.64; 4, J Whitaker (GB), Hopscotch, 0/69.96. Second event: 1, P Lejeune (Bel), Moet Chandon King, 0/34.54; 2, D Bowen (GB), Brindle Boy, 0/35.36; 5, J Whitaker Saint Mungo, 4/38.74.
ROME: International event: Gran Premio (barrage): 1, F Cottier (Fr) Flambeau C, no pen, at barrage; 2, W Melliger (Switz) Van Gogh, 4 at barrage; 3, R Smith (GB) Sanyo Shining, 8 at barrage. Lancia prize: 1 M Robert (Fr) Jaan De La Tour, 45.20; 2, G Mancelli (It) Silvano, 46.47; 3, R Smith (GB) Sanyo Alabama 46.49.
NEWARK AND NOTTINGHAM: Mattie Brown Stakes: 1, Mandingo, (J Germany); 2, Hello La Val (J McVitie); 3, Everest Radius (N Skelton). Everest Double Glazing Accumulator: 1, Domino, (N Skelton); 2, Beverage; 3, K Brown, Springlike. Sun Alliance Junior Championship: 1, Fodynch Littlejohns, (Peter Murphy); 2, Rogerio, Helen Stott; 3, Sunday Morn, Warren Clarke. Sun Alliance Junior Top Score Stakes: 1, Days Topic (John Renwick); 2, Mr Punch III (Peter Murphy); 3, Hey Diddle Diddle II (Martin Lucas).

GOLF

TALLAHASSEE: Open championship: Third round, leading scores (US unless stated): 203: T Sills 69, 66, 68. 204: S Thomas 70, 68, 66. 205: K Zarley 68, 68, 69; T Valentine 70, 69, 66; D Watson 68, 67, 70; A Miller 72, 70, 67. 206: L Rinker 69, 70, 67.
ROSWELL, Georgia: WPGA tournament: First round, leading scores (US unless stated): 68: J Clark 33,35; S Turner 35, 33; S Barrett 34, 34. 69: D Skinner 34, 35, 72: J Kazmierski 34, 38; L A Cassaday 38, 34; C Marino 34, 36. 71: G Boykin (WG) 38, 35; J Crafter (Aus) 34, 37; M Stubbefield 37, 34.
CARLSBAD, California: Tournament of champions: Third round (US unless stated): 207: T Watson 69, 71, 67. 209: D Graham (Aus) 64, 77, 68. 211: B Lietzke 72, 68, 71; P Stewart 70, 72, 69. 212: S Ballesteros (Sp) 71, 70, 71; T Kite 71, 67, 74; L Wadkins 70, 71, 71. 213: H Sutton 69, 67, 77; B Crenshaw 68, 71, 74; L Nelson 71, 73, 69; J Mahaffey 71, 71, 71. 214: H Irwin 72, 67, 75; C Peete 74, 73, 67; W Levi 74, 68, 72. 213: A Bean 72, 73, 70. 216: N Faldo (GB) 73, 72, 71. 222: N Price (SA) 74, 74, 74.

JUDO

LIEGE, BELGIUM: European championships: Lightweight: Preliminary round, Group 'A', K Brown (GB) bt N Demeesschalk (Bel), koka. First round: S Stranz (WG) bt Brown, koka. Gold medal: T Namgalavri (USSR) bt S Dyot (Fr), yuko. Junior lightweight: First round, group 'B': S Gawthorpe (GB) bt F Ocko (Yug), ippon. Second round: J Kriz (Czech) bt Gawthorpe, ippon. Gold medal: M Alexandre (Fr) bt J Kriz (Czech), koka. Bronze: Gawthorpe bt I Serban (Rom), ippon. Bantamweight: First round: N Eckersley (GB) bt E Kosz (Isr), ippon. Second round: C Sotillo (Sp) bt Eckersley, ippon. Repechages for bronze: Ekersley bt A Halquist (Swe), ippon; Eckersley bt P Jupke (WG), ippon. Open category: Preliminary round: E Gordon (GB) bt R Sundland (Nor), withdrew. First round: Gordon bt M Airo (Fin), koka. Second round: Gordon bt A Schnabel (WG), yuko. Group 'B' final: A Paris (Fr) bt Gordon, ippon.

MOTOCROSS

JUNQUERA DE HENARES, SPAIN: 500cc Grand Prix: First heat: A Malherbe (Bel) Honda, 46min 4.31sec. Other placing: 4, D Thorpe (GB) Honda, 46:48.29. Second heat: Malherbe 45:50.56; 2, Thorpe 45:51.37. Overall placings: 1, Malherbe 1hr 31min 34.88sec; 3, Thorpe, 1:32:39.66.

MOTOR RALLYING

AJACCIO, Corsica: Corsican Rally: Final positions: 1, M Alen, I Kivimaki (Fin), Lancia, 13hr 24min 56sec; 2, M Biasion, T Siviero (It), Lancia, 4min 15sec behind; 3, J Ragnotti, P Thimonier (Fr), R5 Turbo, 8:59 behind. World drivers' championship: Leading positions: 1, Alen, 48pts; 2, H Mikkola (Fin), 44; 3, S Blomqvist (Swe), 43.

MOTOR CYCLING

OULTON PARK: Transatlantic Meeting: Battle of the Twins, Round one: 1, T Nation (750 Cagiva), 15min 16.1sec (92.58mph); 2, R Burnett (740 Ducati), 15.20.2; 3, S Henshaw (600 Ducati), 15.47.46. TT Formula Two: 1, P Mellor (347 Yamaha), 17min 50.1sec (95.11mph); 2, S Wright (347 Yamaha), 17.54.8; 3, D Barry (347 Yamaha), 18.8.2. TT Formula One, Round Four: 1, W Gardiner (750 Honda), 21min 18.6sec (99.65mph); 2, J Dunlop (748 Honda), 21.17.8; 3, R Marshall (750 Honda), 21.18.1.
MADRID: Spanish Grand Prix: 500cc: 1, E Lawson (US), Yamaha, 57min 05.35 sec; 2, R Mamola (US), Honda, 57:22.91; 3, R Roche (Fr), Honda, 57:55.54. British placings: 4, R Haslam, Honda, 57:55.54; 7, B Sheene, Suzuki, 58:0.323; 10, K Huewen, Honda, one lap behind. WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP positions: 1, Lawson, 42pts; 2, Roche, 32; 3, F Spencer, (US), 15; 4, Sheene, 14. 250cc: 1, A Pons, (Sp), JJ Kobas, 49:02.99; 2, C Sarron (Fr), Yamaha, 49:05.76; 3, C Lavado (Ven), Yamaha, 49:08.14; 4, A Carter (GB), Yamaha, 49:06.30. 125cc: 1, A Nieto (Sp), Garelli, 48:21.97; 2, E Lazzarini (It), Garelli, 48:22.15; 3, H Muller (Switz), MBA, 48:36.53. 80cc: 1, P Bianchi (It), Casal, 40:00.76; 2, H Kessel (Neth), Casal, 40:26.15; 3, H Muller (Switz), Sachs, 40:27.63.
SALZBURG: European Championship: 250cc: 1, G Noel (GB), Yamaha, 26 min 26.15 sec; 2, V Bibertini (It), Yamaha, 28:29.51; 3, M Galbit (Fr), Yamaha, 28:29.75. 125cc: 1, N Peschke (WG), MBA, 28:39.44; 2, M Nobleaux (Fr), MBA, 26:44.13; 3, E Klein (Aust), MBA, 26:48.43. British placing: 5, A Bedford (GB), MBA, 27:04.87. Sidecars: 1, R Biland/W Waltisperg (Switz), LCR, 25:03.80; 2, Schwarzel/Huber (WG), LCR, 25:38.82; 3, Christinat/Fahrni (Switz), LCR, 25:45.73.

ROWING

WALLINGFORD REGATTA: Eights: Elite: Thames Tradesmen bt Wallingford 1len in 4min 30sec. Women's senior C: St Hilda's Coll bt Staines ½len 3min 31sec. Coxed fours: Elite: Wallingford bt London Hospital 2½len. Women's open: Civil Service 'A' bt Civil Service 'B', canvas. Coxless fours: Elite: Wallingford bt Thames, easily, 5min 16sec. Sculls: Elite: A Ruddin (Northampton) bt A Cusack (Wallingford) 2len in 5min 59sec.

RIFLE SHOOTING

BRAUNSCHWEIG, West Germany: International Meeting: English match (women): 1, Great Britain 1754 (S Cooper 589, I Dew 586, L Blackburn 579. English match (juniors): 1, Great Britain 1774 (P Downs 594, A Teen 592, S Bond 588). Three positions (women): 1, Switzerland 1695; 2, Great Britain 1689. Individual three position: 1, S Cooper 573.

RACE WALKING

BERGEN, NORWAY: 20-Kilometre Walk: Men: 1, E Canto (Mex), 1hr 18min 39.9sec (World Record); 2, E Andersen (Nor), 1:20.36.7; 3, P Placec (Cz), 1:21.28.5. Women: 1, Y Hong (China), 21min 40.3sec (World Record).

RUGBY LEAGUE

CHALLENGE CUP: Final: Widnes 19, Wigan 6.

ROAD RUNNING

ROTURA: Marathon: 1, T Wright (GB), 2hr 19min 48sec.
MUNICH: Marathon: 1, K Liemont (Bel), 2hr 12min 51sec.
BREMEN: Marathon: 1, K-E Stahl (Swe), 2hr 13min 47sec.
GRANGEMOUTH: AAA half marathon: A Hutton, 1hr 3min 44sec; 2, G Braidwood, 1:4:38; 3, D Frame, 1:4:41.

SQUASH RACKETS

HONGKONG: International tournament: Final: Q Zaman (Pak) bt G Briars (GB), 9-4, 10-8, 9-3; Semi-finals: Zaman bt M Ahmed (Pak), 9-2, 10-8, 9-3; Briars bt R Norman (NZ), 0-9, 9-8, 9-4, 9-1.
VICTORIA, Canada: Canadian championships: Men's semi-finals: P Larmer (Aus) bt J Hickox (Eng), 3-1; D Styner (Can) bt S O'Connor (Aust), 3-1. Women's semi-finals: J Harris (Aust) bt E Hinnegan (US), 3-0; J Haycock (Can) bt D Edge (Can), 3-2.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: Zonal competitions: Asian: Pakistan lead Thailand 3-1 (at Rawalpindi); Japan 3, China 2 (at Jinming). American: Brazil 2, Uruguay 1 (at Rio de Janeiro); Chile 3, Mexico 0. European A group: Senegal 3, Tunisia 2 (at Dakar); Poland 4, Greece 1 (at Warsaw); Monaco 4, Zimbabwe 1 (at Monte Carlo); Norway 4, Portugal 1 (at Oslo); Austria bt Lebanon w.o. European B group: Spain 5, Algeria 0 (at Pamplona); Turkey 0, Belgium 5 (at Istanbul); Egypt 5, Luxembourg 0 (at Cairo); Morocco 0, Finland 5 (at Casablanca).
JOHANNESBURG: South African women's open championship: semi-finals: C Lloyd (US) bt A White (US) 6-3, 6-2; A Jaeger (US) bt R Uys (SA) 6-1, 6-0. Final: Lloyd bt Jaeger 6-3, 6-[illegible]

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Wales Conference Championship: New York Islanders 4, Montreal Canadians 1 (Islanders win best-of-seven series, four games to two).

YACHTING

LE HAVRE: RORC Cervantes trophy. Class I: 1, Blue Buzzard (M Gibson) 25hr 3min 18sec; 2, Yeoman XXV (R Aisher) 25:08:13; 3, Yeoman XXI (Sir O Aisher) 25:28:40. Class II: 1, Fever (D Dishi) 24:10:45 (best corrected time); 2, Whirlwind (N Lister) 24:30:47; 3, Jade (Mr and Mrs L Woodall) 24:31:09. Class III: 1, Blue Point (J Burton) 24:27:45; 2, Firecatcher (J Roome) 26:01:16; 3, Jacobite (S James) 26:32:33. Class IV: 1, Oiya (M Faure, Fr) 25:00:31; 2, Imperator (P Wiseman) 25:35:19; 3, Ordalie (Y Bodin, Fr) 27:07:17. Class V: 1, Ace (N Marris) 24:44:36; 2, Scillonia (G Trentesaux, Fr) 24:44:57; 3, Funny Girl (M Phillips, Fr) 24:50:31. Channel Handicap Class: 1, Red Coat (Army SA) 23:22:26; 2, Boadicea (R Justice) 27:09:52; 3, Greased Lightning (E Edrich) 27:26:21.

Rees gets his reward as Welsh win title

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Clive Rees has been entertaining crowds at Twickenham for 11 years in the finals of the Middlesex Sevens without appearing on a winning side. That omission in an outstanding career with Loughborough College, London Welsh, Wales and the British Lions was repaired on Saturday when, with two tries, he helped London Welsh to their eighth Middlesex title with a 34-18 win over Heriot's FP.

The Welsh demonstrated their right to the Russell-Cargill Cup with a blend of possession, power and pace allied to the goal-kicking of Ebsworth who scored 44 of their century of points. Heriot's even allowing for the loss in the final of Marshall with a dislocated shoulder, never looked a convincing enough combination to stop them.

The Welsh, unlike so many sides, did not allow too many of their players to be sucked into mini-mauls. They relied on the individual strength of Morgan and the estimable Bowring. Their hardest game was the semi-final with Blackheath

Heriot's somewhat fortuitously survived the late assault of Richmond's second team (Mackaness missed a penalty in injury time which would have won the game for Richmond) and both clubs scored 66 points in reaching the final. Though Dougherty scored first for the Scots, Ebsworth, Ackerman (from 80 metres) and Rees replied with first half tries. Rees, John and Ebsworth who kicked five conversions added three more leaving Dougherty and a hard-working forward, Livingstone, to win respectability; Marshall, Hewitt and Irvine each kicking a conversion.

The appearance of Irvine was a welcome bonus for the crowd. He replaced the injured Marshall and casually converted Livingstone's try from the touchline.

LONDON WELSH: C Rees, R Ackerman, M Ebsworth, M Douglas, K Bowring (captain), R John, B Morgan
HERIOT'S FP: P Hewitt, S Dougherty, N Marshall, A Lawson (captain), P O'Neill, K Milne, D Livingstone (A Irvine rep Marshall in final).
Referee: P Wakefield (London).
RESULTS: Sixth round: London Welsh I 28, Cheshunt 6; London Welsh II 12, Rosslyn Park 16; Blackheath I 12, Harlequins 10; Blackheath Two 12, Bridgend 22; Heriot's FP 18, Exeter University 10; Old Kingsburians II 11, London Irish 6; Richmond II 12, London Scottish 8; Saracens 8, Richmond I 20. Quarter-finals: London Welsh I 22, Rosslyn Park 4; Blackheath I 22, Bridgend 18; Heriot's FP 38, Old Kingsburians 6; Richmond II 16, Richmond I 12. Semi-Finals: London Welsh 1 16, Blackheath I 6; Heriot's FP 12, Richmond II 10. Final: London Welsh 34, Heriot's FP 18.

Little substance in 'shadow' XV

South Africa's Rugby selectors have been left scratching their heads after a "shadow" Springbok XV, which, they hope will form the nucleus of the side to meet England in two internationals next month, was beaten 24-23 by Northern Transvaal at Loftus Versfeld in the ... Ray Kennedy ... burg).

... them ... afternoon ... sive performance ... Northern ... who signalled ... included in the ... 22 and 23 at ...

... injured

... is out of Scotland's ... ia and Roy Laidlaw ... withdraw. ... damaged his collarbone ... for the Barbarians ... was ruled out by the ... yesterday. Laidlaw has ... has been advised to ... Thursday when a decision ... on ... fitness.

... SEVENS: ... round: Borough... 18; ... Academicals 6, Gala ... Haddington 26; Royal ... Stewart's-Melville FP ... 12; ... Forest 12, Hawick 26 ... Selkirk ... Melrose 40; Heriot's ... Langholm 4, Kelso 20 ... ville FP ... Hawick 10. Semi-final ... 22, ... Haddington 6; Kelso 0. Final: ... 18, Hawick 22.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Lydon the pillar of Widnes

By Keith Macklin

Widnes 19
Wigan 6

Not even the huffing and puffing of Alex Murphy could blow the Widnes house down, for the Widnes house is built on a rock of professionalism and experience. In addition, they have in the Preston polytechnic student, Joe Lydon, aged 20, a player of breathtaking speed and acute rugby brain, who scored two spectacular long-range tries. On these pillars on Saturday Widnes built their seventh Wembley triumph in the Challenge Cup and their fourth in the past 10 seasons.

Wigan bitterly disappointed themselves, Murphy and, above all, their red and white army of followers who expected so much and received so little on their return to Wembley after 14 years in the wilderness. Murphy himself summed it up in typically forthright fashion: "Some players played badly, others did not play at all. I feel sick and sorry for the fans."

There were times when Wigan ... their game briefly, but the ... tackling was merciless, and ... occasions when Wigan ... movements looked ... the ball ran loose and ... away like the wind for ...

... Widnes try came from ... left by Mike O'Neill ... the winger's inside pass ... by O'Loughlin as he ... Burke kicked three goals ... Neill dropped a goal.

... followers had only ... to roar: first, ... Wigan the lead ... Glasgow Trophy as man of the ...

WIDNES: ... O'Loughlin, ... Burke, ... S ... Gregory ... Wright ... Lydon ...
WIGAN: ... Hughes ... Scott, J ...

Racing: El Gran Señor the equal of Nijinsky and Sir Ivor, O'Brien says

Eddery has no Derby doubts

By Michael Seely

Vincent O'Brien remained the king of the world of the thoroughbred racehorse after El Gran Señor had given the 67-year-old trainer his 38th classic victory in the 2,000 Guineas, sponsored by General Accident, at Newmarket in Saturday. And Northern Dancer still remains the most sought after sire in the world after his son's devastating final sprint had given the 24-year-old prepotent Kentucky stallion his third Guineas triumph. El Gran Señor is now favourite at between 7-4 and 2-1 to credit O'Brien with his seventh and Northern Dancer with his third Derby win on June 6.

Faces recognized around the weighing room early in the afternoon spelt out the message that we were about to see the natural successor to Sir Ivor and Nijinsky. Jimmy Fitzgerald, John O'Neill and other Irish personalities had clearly been drawn to Newmarket by the strength of the word from Ballydoyle. Heavy support for El Gran Señor from 9-4 to 15-8 was a firm indication of the paddock experts' approval of the favourite's relaxed demeanour and general air of muscular well-being.

Chief Singer, the runner-up is certainly no Mill Reef. But otherwise it is impossible to deny that the style of El Gran Señor's win was the most authoritative seen in the first of the colts' classics since Brigadiier Gerard's defeat of the subsequent Derby winner in 1972. Pat Eddery was able to move around and change position at will. Lear Fan and Rainbow Quest were made to look positively leaden-footed when the jockey unleashed his run to claim his sixth classic win.

No words of praise can be too high either for Chief Singer's spirited attack or for Ray Cochrane's patient handling of last season's Coventry Stakes winner. However, although Chief Singer was clearly running out of stamina in the last furlong. El Gran Señor was starting to power his way further ahead in the final 100 yards. He was still pulling hard for his head when Eddery managed to steady him

The extended distances pay further tribute to the excellence of this performance. El Gran Señor drew 6½ lenghts clear of Lear Fan from the dip. Then came another three lengths to Rainbow Quest.

O'Brien was his usual quiet and unassuming self in his hour of triumph. But the voice of authority spoke when he said: "*El Gran Señor has won his* Guineas just as easily as Sir Ivor and Nijinsky did, so I have to regard him as being their equal – at least at this stage."

Showing natural caution, the trainer refused to be drawn too far about the possibility of El Gran Señor staying the Derby distance. "Don't forget that the were similar doubts about Sir Ivor and Nijinsky until they had proved themselves at Epsom," O'Brien said. "But as I said all along and as the colt has shown today, he's got a *marvelously* relaxed temperament.

Yesterday one or two sound judges were warning that El Gran Señor's brilliant speed makes his suspect on this score. But surely this is to miss the *whole point. Classic pace allied* to stamina has surely always been a recipe for greatness. Eddery, at any rate, has no doubts. "He's the perfect ride of a jockey and El Gran Señor will win the Derby".

Ron Sheathier is undecided about Chief Singer's future programme. "He was wrong for about six months last year. He must have had a virus of some kind. But he's certainly alright *now. The Irish 2000 Guineas is* a possibility. But the Curragh is a very stiff mile and I'm sure whether I'd like to take on Rousillon again. We might try coming back to sprinting later, on, as I'd dearly love to have a go at Habibti."

Guy Harwood made no excuses for Lear Fan. "We were just beaten by a better horse. I know he was sweating, but so was I – who wouldn't have done on an occasion like that?"



El Gran Señor and Pat Eddery have the measure of Chief Singer (Ray Cochrane) in the closing stages of the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday (Photograph: George Selwyn).

Full result

3 0 2,000 GUINEAS STAKES (Group I: 3-y-o: £87,408: 1m)
EL GRAN SENOR b c by Northern Dancer – Sex Appeal (R Sangster) 9-0 .... Pat Eddery (15-8 Fav) 1
Chief Singer br c by Ballad Rock – Principia (J Smith) 9-0 .... R Cochrane (20-1) 2
Lear Fan b c by Roberto – Wac (A Salman) 9-0 .... B Rouse (7-2) 3
Also Ran: 7-2 Keen (5th), 11-2 Rainbow Quest (4th), 18 Creag-An Sgor (7th), 50 Bountiful (6th), 66 Kings Island (8th), Native Charmer. 9 ran. 2½l, 4l, 3l, 3l, 3l. M V O'Brien, Ireland.
TOTE: Win: £3.20. Places: £1.40, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £34.20. CSF: £30.83. 1m 37.41secs.

Joyful Dancer can step lively again

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Few stables are in better form than that run by Paul Cole at *Lambourn. In the past week Sarab,* Serheed, Miami Prince, Lucky Scott, Get The Message and Enchanted Castle have all struck gold for the master of Hill House and now I expect to see JOYFUL DANCER carry on the good work at Kempton Park today by winning the British Car Auctions Jubilee Handicap.

Cole told me yesterday that Joyful Dancer is very well and that he has an excellent chance of winning again because he believes that the sharp track at Kempton will suit his colt's aggressive style of racing.

Joyful Dancer certainly led his rivals a merry dance at Newbury last month when he won the Spring Cup and if he repeats that performance he will be hard to catch even though Rangefinder, Alawir and Moores Metal will all be meeting him on better terms.

Following that encouraging run behind Kanz, a leading Oaks hope, in the Princess Elizabeth Stakes at Epsom, BALEARICA should be hard to beat in the Juddmonte Farms Stakes, even though her sire, Bustino, is not exactly renowned for getting sprinters. Balearica's speed obviously comes from her dam, Cala-Vadella, who is a full sister to those fast horses Runnett, Rutland and Cremets.

Cash Asmussen, the young American jockey currently under contract to ride for Stavros Niarchos and Francois Boutin in France, is free from his commitments there to partner ALEV again in the Coalminer Handicap at Doncaster.

Alev clearly goes well for Americans. Last autumn he won the Santa Anita Sprint at Sandown when he was ridden by Chris McCarron during the annual Anglo-American jockeys' match while Asmussen himself partnered Philip Mitchell's five-year-old there 11 days ago when they beat Bold Bob by four lengths and cracked the track record *in the process. On only* 5lb worse terms, Alev ought to be capable of confirming his superiority over Bold Bob.

Steve Cauthen, Asmussen's talented and popular compatriot, should also be on the target at Doncaster with ALIAS (4.0), especially if this colt, who is trained by Fulke Johnson Houghton, has come on as much as one would *expect from his first* race, in which he was beaten three lengths by Shmaireekh at Sandown.

Willie Carson can take the Longholes Stud Spring Handicap on TELEPROMPTER, who will be having his first run since being beaten only a head by Sagamore in last year's Cambridgeshire. Big Pal may well prove bigger danger than Grand Unit over this extended ten furlongs.

By running Park Rainbow in the valuable Tia Maria Handicap Hurdle at Haydock Park, Fred Winter is indulging in another attempt to dethrone Michael Dickinson, the champion trainer and current leader in the tense race for this year's title.

But in this instance, I am afraid that Winter's effort will come to *nothing, especially if* BAJAN SUNSHINE runs as well as he did against Ra Nova in the Welsh Champion Hurdle recently. For a comparative beginner to have run the winner of the Schweppes Gold Trophy to three-quarters of a length was a good performance by any standards, and Bajan Sunshine has the beating of Cardinal Flower on that form.

ONE BETTER looks the best bet at Warwick in the Alveston Maiden Fillies Stakes. John Winter's filly did not run as a two-year-old and has taken a couple of races this spring to get the hang of things.

Praise for impressive Darshaan

From Desmond Stoneham, Paris

Darshaan duly picked up the group 2 Prix Hocquart at Longchamp yesterday and his performance was much better than the official one and a half length winning distance suggests as there were little pace in the 12-furlong event until the straight.

The runner-up was the gallant Extol who had a head to spare over Woolskin with Lester Piggott and Long Mick a nose away fourth. There was a steward's inquiry after the race, but the placings were left unalered.

Alain de Royer-Dupre, Darshaan's trainer, said "He now goes for the Prix du Jockey-Club and what an adaptible animal he is to win like that after such a false pace." Yves Saitn-Martin said "I still do not know the limit of Darshaan, but he is certainly one of the best horses I have ridden". Darshaan took over the lead 300 yards from the post and was not stretched to defend the position from his seven rivals.

Sicyos trotted up in the five-furlong Prix de Saint-Georges in an extremely fast time of 56.6 sec, which considering the ground was good to soft appeared extremely favourably with Habibti's course record of 54.3 sec. Freddie Head took over from Fine Edge, and Pat Eddery, a furlong and a half out leaving the rest of the field to fight out the minor places. Tranchard eventually came through to take second place in front of Marcheuse, Gem Diamond and Fine Edge, who had played up quite a bit before the start.

Criquette Head said "I'll next race Sicyos in the Prix du Gros-Chene and then will take on Habibti in the King Stand Stakes at Ascot. He certainly seems as fast as his mother Sigy," Freddie Head added "Sicyos could be real sprinting champion but to prove the point will have first to meet Habibti."

KEMPTON PARK (ITV)

[Televised: 1.45, 2.15, 2.45]

GOING: good
Draw: 7f, over: High numbers best
Tote double: 2.45, 3.45. Treble: 2.15, 3.15, 4.15

1.45 HANSON WHITE HANDICAP (£2,070: 1m 2f) (17 runners)

101	/31201-	SUNOAK (D) (J Haverhals) G Harwood 4-10-0	B Rouse
103	/00010-	WINART (D) (B) (S Shafras) Mrs N Smith 6-9-3	R Hills
104	42400-4	REDDEN (D) (K Evgeniou) B Swift 6-9-1	B Raymond
105	0/00-00	MAJESTIC STAR (Mrs P Stackburn) Miss S Morris 7-9-1	
107	0230-04	SOCKS UP (R Houghton) R Houghton 7-8-13	D Price
108	430-003	RAPID LAD (D) (S Borsberry) J Spearing 6-8-13	P Cook
110	043000/	CHIEF SPEAKER (N Spreadbury) D Wilson 8-8-7	W R Swinburn
112	000000	PATERNOSTER ROW (D) (K Griffiths) D H Jones 5-8-7	A Barclay
113	00000-0	STAR OF IRELAND (C) (H Pink) A Jarvis 4-8-5	Pat Eddery
116	0213-00	TAQDIR (Marshall Racing Ltd) R Armstrong 3-8-4	P Tulk
117	0030-00	PALLAVICINA (R Wright) C Brittain 4-8-3	P Bradwell
118	-001002	QUALITAIR PRINCE (Qualitair Engineering) M Ryan 5-8-2	M L Thomas
119	200021	RIO DEVA (D) (Mrs F Morris) R Hollinshead 6-8-2 (5 ex)	W Ryan
120	0244-00	TACHYROS (B) (T Thompson) M Ryan 4-8-1	A Bond
121	00400-0	NASHAAB (D) (Hamad Ali) C Benstead 4-8-0	R Cochrane
123	34001-0	RECORD WING (Mrs P Long) D H Jones 6-7-13	B Crossley
124	00/	HELLO SOLDIER (E Jones) C Williams 7-7-7	D McKay

1983: Bossanova Boy 4-8-1 G Baxter (9-2) P Makin 10 ran.

7-2 Rio Deva, 9-2 Qualitair Prince, 11-2 Star Of Ireland, 6 Rapid Lad, 8 Sunoak, 10 Redden, Taqdir, 12 Socks Up, 20 others.

Kempton selections

by Mandarin
1.45, Sunoak. 2.15, Hit The Heights. 2.45, JOYFUL DANCER (nap). 3.15, Balearica. 3.45, Moresby. 4.15, Run With Pride.

by Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45, Qualitair Prince. 2.15, Bossy Boots. 2.45, Alawir. 3.15, Balearica. 3.45, Raginda. 4.15, Odd Man Out.
Micheal Seely's selection: 3.15, BFLEARICA (nap).

2.15 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP (3-y-o: £2,070: 7f) (13)

202	140400-	HIT THE HEIGHTS (East Commodities' Ltd) G Lewis 9-7	P Waldron
206	031-0	COPING (D) (J Wigan) M Stoute 9-0	W R Swinburn
207	04210-	BIRDWOOD (D) (Duke of Marlborough) J Dunlop 8-11	Pat Eddery
208	330-000	VICEROY LAD (B) (F Broom) R Hannon 8-10	A McGlone
209	4140-43	ZIO PEPPINO (M Vettraino) A Jarvis 8-7	P Cook
210	33030-0	INSET LADY (Miss C Coyne) M Ryan 8-7	A Bond
2	0400-	THE THRESHER (J Mullion) R Armstrong 8-5	P Tulk
213	200-	WESTERN DANCER (Roldvale Ltd) C Horgan 8-5	B Rouse
214	0500-01	BOSSY BOOTS (V Reibin) M Jarvis 8-5 (7 ex)	B Raymond
215	22000-0	ALCINOUS (Capt M Lemos) C Brittain 8-4	P Bradwell
218	000-022	CATMAN (Miss I Ritchie) M Francis 8-4	R Curant
219	4000-30	SINGING BOY (G Eden) C Spares 8-0	M Fozzard
221	00-0	GLEN NA SMOLE (Miss J Hester) J Sutcliffe 7-9	M L Thomas

1983: No corresponding race.

2.45 BRITISH CAR AUCTIONS JUBILEE HANDICAP (£10,950: 1m) (11)

314	14030-1	JOYFUL DANCER (D) (D How) P Cole 4-7-7	R Fox	9
315	0/040-3	HIMORRE (CD) (K Higson) A Moore 5-7-7	D McKay	2

1983: Elmar 4-8-10 B Rouse (15-2) J Dunlop 12 ran.

3 Joyful Dancer, 7-2 Moores Metal, 4 Rangefinder, 6 Tetron Bay, 8 Larionov, Wibis Range, 10 Himorre, 12 Alawir, 20 others.

FORM: LORIONOV(9-12) not in first 9 to Reesh (8-6) 19 ran. Newmarket 6f stks good to firm Apr 18. TETRON BAY (8-13) 11th beaten over 8l to Harlow (8-13) 12 ran. Leicester 7f stks good to firm Apr 28. WIBIS RANGE(8-7) won 2l from Ballad Island (8-8) 18 ran. Thirsk 1m h'cap good Apr 13. ...

3.15 JUDDMONTE FARMS STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £2,560: 6f) (17)

3.45 PARTH SELLING STAKES (3-y-o: £1,380: 1m 4f) (15)

4.15 MENTAL HEALTH FOUNDATION STAKES (2-y-o: c & g: £2,560: 5f) (9)

HAYDOCK PARK (BBC)

[Televised: 2.0, 2.30, 3.10]

GOING: flat and hurdles, firm; chase, hard
Draw advantage: 6f over low numbers best.
Tote: double 3.10, 4.10. Treble 2.30, 3.40, 4.40.

2.0 DARWEN STAKES (2-y-o: £2,000: 5f) (6 runners)

3		CROYLAND PRIDE (R Langley) F Durr 9-0	G Baxter
5		PALLINGORA (N Jones) K Stone 9-0	C Dwyer
6	0	SHELLMAN (D Sowerby) K Stone 9-0	L Charnock
7		SMOKEY GEM (P Barrett) R Hollinshead 9-0	S Perks
9		STORM BURST (D Harrison) E Eldin 9-0	E Guest
10	3	Y I OYSTON (R Oyston) J Berry 8-11	K Darley

1983: Abandoned – course waterlogged.

11-4 Storm Burst, 3 Croyland Pride, 100-30 Y I Oyston, 4 Smokey Gem, 8 Pallingora, ... Shellman.

Haydock selections

by Mandarin
2.0 Storm Burst. 2.30 Kevinsfort. 3.10 Bajan Sunshine. 3.40 The Rhine. 4.10 Il Tigre. 4.40 The Pawn.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Storm Burst. 4.10 Il Tigre. 4.40 The Pawn.
Michael Seely's selection 3.10 Cardinal Flower (each way).

2.30 MANDOR FLEXIBLE DOORS NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (£3,838: 2m 4f) (2)

8	p3p102	NATIVE BREAK (D) (BF) (R Edwards) Mrs W Sykes 7-11-7	S Morshead
12	4438031	KEVINSFORT (Mrs R Haggie) J FitzGerald 6-11-2 (6 ex)	M Dwyer

10-11 Kevinsfort, Evens Native Break.

3.10 TIA MARIA HANDICAP HURDLE (£19,805: 2m) (15)

2	041140	SULA BULA (B) (D) (G Pratt) M H Easterby 6-11-7	Mr T Easterby
3	234140	ROBIN WONDER (D) (A Hunt) D Elsworth 6-11-5	
4	003031	MIGRATOR (C) (Sheikh Al Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 6-11-5	R L...
5	213004	COOL DECISION (CD) (C Platts) Miss S Hall 7-11-5	Mr C P...
6	213330	BRAVE HUSSAR (D) (H Joel) J Gifford 6-11-4	G Charles-Jones
7	f4p-100	SECRET BALLOT (CD) (H Joel) J Gifford 10-11-4	Steve Knight
8	11202	BAJAN SUNSHINE (D) (P Green) M Tate 5-10-13	P Scudamore
10	200023	CARDINAL FLOWER (D) (Miss V Yeager) A Scott 7-10-12	J J O'Neill

3.40 ELLAMS BROOK HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,811: 2m 6f) (3)

4.10 LONGTON MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £2,145: 6f) (9)

4.40 BURSLEM HANDICAP (£3,125: 2m 28yd) (5)

DONCASTER (ITV)

[Televised: 2.0, 2.30, 3.0]

GOING: good to firm
Draw: 5f to 8f: High numbers best
Tote double: 3.0, 4.0. Treble: 2.30, 3.30, 4.30

2.0 RIBOBOY THREE-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP (£5,120: 1m) (11 runners)

2	120-4	EL CAPISTRANO G Pritchard-Gordon 9-7	G Duffield	10
3	1-	QUE MARIDO H Cecil 9-6	Paul Eddery	9
4	010-	CHELKOV R Armstrong 9-4	C Asmussen	4
5	1-010	TOPHAMS TAVERNS (D) T Fairhurst 9-2	R P Elliott	1
7	143-0	NILE EMPRESS B Hills 9-0	S Cauthen	7
9	1320-	MAAZI P Cole 8-11	W Carson	2
12	23-42	WELL RIGGED M H Easterby 8-8	M Birch	8
13	10-11	DORSET VENTURE B Morgan 8-8 (5 ex)	P Robinson	3
17	10-04	ALL FAIR R Whitaker 8-6	E Hide	5
21	01-	STRATHEARN (D) J FitzGerald 8-2	B Coogan	6
22	20-13	LIFE GUARD J W Watts 8-1	N Connorton	11

1983: Silly Boy 7-8 J Lowe (4-1) N Bycroft 11 ran.

100-30 Dorset Venture, 4 Que Marido, 5 Well Rigged, 13-2 El Capistrano, 8 Tophams Taverns, 10 Nile Empress, 14 others.

Doncaster selections

by Mandarin
2.0 Que Marido. 2.30 Alev. 3.0 Teleprompter. 3.30 Rievaux Raver. 4.0 Alias. 4.30 London Leader.

by Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.0 Que Mariodo. 2.30 Sajeda. 3.0 Grand Unit. 3.30 Alma Real. 4.0 Tamino.
Michael Seely's selection: 3.0 Teleprompter.

2.30 COAL MINER HANDICAP (£6,400: 5f) (12)

1	0040-	PRINCE REYMO (D) R Armstrong 4-10-0	S Cauthen	11
4	0301-	RAMBLING RIVER (D) (B) W A Stephenson 7-8-13	E Hide	2
6	00-04	BRI-EDEN (D) J Berry 10-8-8	G Duffield	4
7	0-020	BOLD BOB (CD) (B) C Brittain 4-8-8	P Robinson	12
8	4310-	MELTHEMI (D) M H Easterby 4-8-8	M Birch	5
9	10-31	ALEV (D) (B) P Mitchell 5-8-6 (5 ex)	C Asmussen	7
10	2304-	SAJEDA (B) W O'Gorman 3-8-4	T Ives	8

3.0 LONGHOLES STUD SPRING HANDICAP (£9,650: 1m 2f 50yd) (8)

3.30 HELP A CHILD SELLING STAKES (3-y-o: £1,035: 7f) (22)

3	0-403	C A LIGHTING M McCormack 9-0	S Cauthen	3
4	04-00	CLARYON M Ryan 9-0	P Robinson	1
6	021-0	ESKER HOUSE E Eldin 9-0	A Mackay	6
7	020-0	FRIESTON FLIER A Balding 9-0	N Carlisle	14
10	000-0	MAGIC MUSHROOM D Garraton 9-0	P D'Arcy	9
11	04-00	RICHARD'S RETURN Hbt Jones 9-0	W Carson	11

4.0 ICI PETROL MAIDEN STAKES (3-y-o: £2,259: 1m 4f) (25)

4.30 NSPCC CENTENARY MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (2-y-o: £1,378: 5f) (13)

WARWICK

GOING: good
Draw: Low numbers best.

2.0 LEVY BOARD APPRENTICE HANDICAP (£1,036: 5f) (15 runners)

14	0200-	BYROC BOY (CD)(B) D Jermy 7-8-1	D Fowler-Wright 5	14
17	0-000	CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT (B) R Simpson 3-7-12	S Whitworth	1
18	000-0	MISS SMART SHOES P Haynes 3-7-12	P Mose 5	4
19	0000-	RELATIVE EASE (D) D Chapman 13-7-9	S P Griffiths	5
20	400-3	FROGMOOR J Bosley 3-7-8	L Jones	15
21	0000-	PETER'S KIDDIE K Morgan 3-7-7	A Geran 5	8
22	0-000	EASTERN TREASURE J Smith 5-7-7	P Hill 5	2
23	4-230	PAPIER MACHE Capt J Wilson 3-7-7	Julie Bowker 5	11

1983: Abandoned – course waterlogged

4 Penchetta, 9-2 Shades Of Blue, 5 Central Carpets, 6 Cree Bay, 8 Frogmoor, 10 Indy, 12 others.

Warwick selections

by Mandarin
2.0 Frogmoor, 2.30 Schoon, 3.0 Dragonfire, 3.30 One Better, 4.0 Averon, 4.30 Doctor's Orders, 5.0 Imperial Time.

by Our Newmarket Correspondent
3.0 Gwen John, 3.30 One Better, 4.30 Nice One Andy, 5.0 Imperial Time.

2.30 STONEBRIDGE TWO-YEAR-OLD MAIDEN SELLING STAKES (£547: 5f) (10)

1	0330	IVAN-JO (B) R Stubbs 9-0	–	7
2		LITTLE TESSIE J Bradley 9-0	J Williams	4
4		SHOP TALK D Haydn Jones 9-0	J Lowe	1
6	4	STEEL CAVALIER Peter Taylor 9-0	T Williams 7	8
8		SIERINA Peter Taylor 8-11	M Smith 7	9
10	0	CLARA BOOGIE D Gandolfo 8-11	J Reid	2
12	0044	LITTLE YENCH B Richmond 8-11	S Keightley	10

3.0 BET WITH THE TOTE HANDICAP (Fillies & mares: £3,189: 1m 4f 52yd) (13)

3.30 ALVESTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (3-y-o: £1,322: 1m) (23)

4.0 WARWICK SPRING HANDICAP (£2,659: 1m) (16)

4.30 WOODLAND HANDICAP (3-y-o: £1,531: 7f) (18)

5.0 PRIMROSE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-y-o: £1,007: 5f) (12)

MOTOR RACING

Another struggle with fuel gauge as Prost stays in lead from start to finish

From John Blunsden, Imola

The Marlboro McLaren team were back on form yesterday, when Alain Prost led the 60-lap San Marino Grand Prix from start to finish, to record his second victory of the season. He now leads the world championship table by 11 points from Derek Warwick, whose Renault slipped from third to fourth place after being slowed by gearbox trouble during the last 10 laps.

Only René Arnoux was on the same lap as Prost at the finish, his Ferrari closing to within 13.4sec of the winner in the run-up to the line. Once again it was a race against the fuel gauge, and Elio Angelis and Andrea de Cesaris had to pay the penalty for engaging in a spirited battle for third place: de Cesaris's Ligier-Renault spluttered to a halt on the penultimate lap and was classified seventh, and de Angelis's similarly powered JPS Lotus ran dry a quarter of the way through the last lap but was still able to qualify for third place.

As usual, the Tyrrell team put up a brave show with their under-powered cars. Martin Brundle delighted his new sponsors, de Longhi, by getting well in among the turbos, and was running as high as seventh at half distance until he was badly baulked by a back marker, who cost him several places. His race ended with a dead engine out in the country.

Stefan Bellof drove the second Tyrrell with characteristic forcefulness, and moved steadily up the order in the closing stages as others ran into trouble. He was rewarded with a worthy fifth place ahead of Thierry Boutsen.

It was a day without reward for the Williams and Brabham teams, all four cars dropping out with engine-related problems. Keke Rosberg was the first to go: he stalled on the grid, got away late as confusion reigned about him, and was out with an electrical fault within three laps.

The Brabhams looked to be heading for their first results of the year, with Nelson Piquet second, and Teo Fabi fifth at 40 laps, but eight laps later Piquet cruised to the pits after a long battle with Arnoux, smoke pouring from his car, and Fabi followed him, seconds later, his turbo boost having disappeared.

Even McLaren had their share of trouble, Niki Lauder's superb drive, which took him past Fabi, de Angelis, Riccardo Patrese and Michele Alboreto into fourth place within 12 laps, coming to a halt with a comprehensive engine Blow-up. Prost executed a neat 360-degree spin at one-third distance when a carbon-fibre brake grabbed unexpectedly. A brake problem also put Nigel Mansell into a spin in his JPS Lotus, and instant retirement.

A private Ferrari duel between Arnoux and Alboreto enlivened the first half of the race, but it ended when Alboreto's car broke an exhaust pipe, which took away most of the turbo boost. Rosberg's delayed start had repercussions on the grid, Francois Hesnault retiring his Ligier with a broken front suspension, and Patrick Tambay having to abandon his Renault at the first corner after colliding at the start with Eddie Cheever's Alfa-Romeo.

Warwick's drive in the other Renault served to consolidate still further his reputation within the French team, but his need to conserve fuel later in the race meant he had to turn down his turbo boost considerably, which made gear changing difficult and contributed to his periodic loss of third and fourth.

RESULTS: 1, A Prost (F) McLaren-TAG, 60 laps, 1 hr 36min 53.679sec (116.35 mph); 2, R Arnoux (F) Ferrari, 1hr 37min 7.095sec; 3, E de Angelis (It) JPS Lotus-Renault, 59 laps; 4, D Warwick (GB), Renault, 59 laps; 5, S Bellof (WG), Tyrrell-Ford, 59 laps; 6, T Boutsen (Bel) Arrows-Ford, 59 laps; 7, A de Cesaris (It) Ligier-Renault, 58 laps; 8, E Cheever (US), Alfa Romeo, 58 laps; 9, M Baldi (It) Spirit-Hart, 58 laps; 10, J Palmer (GB), RAM-Hart, 57 laps; 11, M Brundle (GB), Tyrrell-Ford, 55 laps (not running at finish).

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP: Drivers: 1, Prost, 24 pts; 2, Warwick 13; equal 3, de Angelis, Arnoux, 10; equal 5, Alboreto, Lauda, Rosberg, 9; equal 8, Bellot, Cheever, Patrese, 3; equal 11, Brundle, de Cesaris, 2; equal 13, Boutsen, Senna, Tambay, 1. Constructors: 1, McLaren-TAG, 33 pts; 2, Ferrari, 19; 3, Renault, 14; 4, Lotus-Renault, 10; 5, Williams-Honda, 9; 6, Alfa-Romeo, 8; 7, Tyrrell-Ford, 5; 8, Ligier-Renault, 2; equal 9, Arrows-Ford, Toleman-Hart, 1.

FOOTBALL: FIRST DIVISION CONTENDERS MATCH BLOW FOR BLOW

Shouldering arms: Keegan (right) and Powell alert to possibilities. (Photograph: Chris Cole)

Liverpool must sta[illegible] clear of haymaker[illegible]

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

Birmingham	0
Liverpool	0

It was like seeing a parade of ghosts at St Andrew's. Liverpool, on the threshold of becoming legends by collecting a third successive domestic title, looked almost as weary as another legend, Muhammad Ali, who was ushered around before the main bout. Towards the end of a season that has already been filled with 62 contests, including four against Birmingham City, the heavyweights are having difficulty finding their knock-out blows.

But even though the reigning champions have won only one of their last five bouts in the League, they now need only avoid unexpected haymakers to retain their crown. Manchester United, their only challengers, have matched them blow for blow. Liverpool's three remaining opponents are Coventry City today, Notts County next Saturday and Norwich City three days later.

Rush, Souness and Kennedy did threaten to floor Birmingham. Coton deflecting their attempts on each occasion, but their own defence, squarer and more ponderous than usual, was frequently penetrated by a side not noted for their attacking sharpness – only Everton and Wolverhampton Wanderers are currently blunter than Birmingham at home.

As the tall Harford took aerial command, and the speedy [illegible] once an employee [illegible] troubled them, particularly [illegible] nedy on the ground, Liverpool were rescued by their goalkeeper, Grobbelaar, an extraordinary mixture of agility and foolhardiness, did as much to throw the game away as he did to save it for them.

He denied Harford, Rogers, Hopkins and Wright with astonishing athleticism and, after twice dangerously threading his way [illegible] midfield with the ball, he dropped Liverpool into trouble in the closing minute. First, he allowed Neal's pass to slip through his grasp, and then he flapped feebly at the ensuing corner, only for Harford to miss from close range.

Nor was that the only moment when Birmingham had the opportunity to lift themselves clear of relegation fears. Hopkins, twice, and Hagan should have done so. As it is, Birmingham may yet pay a costly price for their indiscipline that has riddled their season, but was mercifully not shown here. Most of their ideas are bounced off the head of Harford who was sent off for the second time in six weeks at Sunderland last Saturday, and will therefore miss their final fixture, at home to Southampton. If they lose at Norwich today, they could still go down, a fate that has faced them for three successive seasons.

BIRMINGHAM CITY: A Coton; J Hagan, P van den Hauwe, N Blake, W Wright, B Roberts, H Gayle, M Kuhl, M Harford, K Rogers, R Hopkins.
LIVERPOOL: B Grobbelaar; P Neal, A Kennedy, M Lawrenson, R Whelan, A Hansen, K Dalglish, S Lee, I Rush, J Wark, G Souness.
REFEREE: K Salmon (Southgate).

Willpower failure

By Vince Wright

Everton	1
Manchester United	1

Self-belief is particularly important in these closing weeks of the season and this was where Manchester United were so conspicuously lacking on Saturday. They never played as if they believed that they could win the League championship. With Liverpool dropping points as frequently as United, the first division title looks like being lost rather than won.

United can take no comfort from their three remaining fixtures. Today they are at home to Ipswich Town, who are playing some inspired football in their efforts to avoid relegation, and they follow that with away matches against Tottenham Hotspur and Nottingham Forest.

In view of the remarkable rise of Queen's Park Rangers and United's inept display against Everton it is not too fanciful to suggest that Ron Atkinson's team may have to settle for third place.

Everything pointed towards an away victory. Injuries had deprived Everton of Gray, their most effective forward, and Radcliffe, their most effective defender. Curran was on the sidelines too, as was Heath, who was suspended. And United welcomed the return of their captain, Bryan Robson, who had missed the last six games with a hamstring injury.

Everton, however, rfused to follow the script. With an FA Cup Final in the offering and nothing to play for in the league except pride, they were more tanacious than one expected. Indeed, Everton were so much in command that United did not have their first serions shot until well into the secind half. It came, predictably, from Robson.

United's central defenders, Hogg and Moran, were second best to Everton's new forward pairing, Sharp and Wakenshaw. Wakenshaw, promoted from the youth side, marked his debut with a goal in the fifty-ninth minute, collecting a rebound off the jittery Gary Bailey after John Bailey, Sharp and King had created the opening.

There seemed little prospect of United replying but Stapleton ended a lean scoring spell with a magnificent equalizer 13 minutes later. Put through by Robson, he spotted Southall off his line and beat him with an exquisitely judged chip from 25 yards. On this evidence Watford, Everton's FA Cup final opponents, have more to fear than Liverpool, United's rivals for the title.

EVERTON: N Southall; G Stevens, J Bailey, A Harper, D Mountfield, P Reid, R Wakenshaw (sub, I Bishop), A King, G Sharp, T Steven, K Richardson.
MANCHESTER UNITED: G Bailey; M Duxbury, A Albiston, R Wilkins, K Moran, G Hogg, [illegible] Robson, R Moses, F Stapleton, M [illegible] Davies (sub, N Whiteside).
Referee: D Shaw (Sandbach).

Rangers pave a way to Europe

By Simon O'Hagan

The ban on Queen's Park Rangers' artificial pitch in next season's UEFA Cup will doubtless make them seem a desirable draw. But would-be opponents should not be fooled, for Rangers' record of eight away wins in the first division this season is equalled only by Liverpool and Arsenal.

Rangers confirmed their qualification for Europe by winning 3-0 at Notts County on Saturday, Allen scoring all the goals. It was the kind of quietly efficient performance that they have been giving all season, picking up little attention, but a lot of points, on the way. A reminder that Ragers are still pretty good on plastic should be given today when West Bromwich Albion are the visitors to Loftus Road.

There is not much left of the thread connecting County to the rest of the division and nerves at Stoke City must be almost as frayed. Stoke scrambled a draw at home to Southampton, but will need to do better than that at Luton Town today and at home to Wolverhampton Wanderers on Saturday. Their task is not made easier by the news that their main catalyst, Alan Hudson, sustained a shoulder injury on Saturday and underwent precautionary X-rays after the match. He is doubtful for the Luton game, although Sammy McIlroy who needed stiches on Saturday, should be fit.

Stoke can at least take some comfort from the knowledge that Birmingham City, one place and two points above them, have a more demanding run-in, away to Norwich City and at home to Southampton.

These are responsible times for Southampton. Today they entertain Tottenham Hotspur, who, with two days to go to the first of their UEFA Cup final with Anderlecht, will be chiefly concerned with completing the match unscathed. As it is, the legacy of an injury-stricken season is still with them, Ardiles and Hoddle – remember them? – have been confirmed as non-starters for Wednesday, and new goalkeeping problems have arisen.

Parks, who has been deputizing for the injured Clemence, has groin trouble, which could be aggravated if he played today. Clemence may have to be brought in, steel pin in his finger and all. Hazard has a thigh injury, but expects to be fit in time for the Anderlecht game.

At the top of the second division, only the most pedantic mathematician would refuse to accept that Newcastle United have won promotion. A 4-0 victory over Derby County was enough to send St James Park delirious, and bring the first of many setimental farewells to Kevin Keegan.

ATHLETICS

Miss Budd keeps company with best

From Pat Butcher, Oslo

Zola Budd showed the courage and inexperience of her 17 years when she shared the lead in the Oslo 10 kilometre road race here yesterday for threequarters of the way before giving best to Ingrid Kristiansen and Grete Waitz, two of the best women distance runners in the world.

Mrs Kristiansen, who should run away with the women's section of the London marathan next week, won in 31min 25sec on a tough course, a time bettered only by Mrs Waitz, who has now lost to her Norwegian colleague twice in eight days after being undefeated in domestic competition for 14 years. Mrs Waitz recorded 31min 28sec and Miss Budd, third in 31min 42sec ran the fastest ever by a teenager, and bettered her previous best, set at altitude, by half a minute. Miss Budd was magnificent. After a hesitant start, which lasted only the first few metres, she joined the two Norwegians as they immediately forced the pace, such that Rosa Mota, the European marathon champion, was left over 50 metres behind after the first kilometre in 2min 55sec.



Miss Budd: courageous

The anti-apartheid demonstrations were carried out exactly as the organizers had threatened – that is, peaceably, with some of the 10,000 runners wearing slogans on their vests, and a few members of the crowd lining the route carrying placards.

After the steady climb to the halfway point, reached in an impressive 15min 48sec, Miss Budd made the youthful mistake of taking the race to Mrs Kristiansen. Miss Budd tried to force the pace on a two kilometre downhill stretch, which temporarily got rid of Mrs Waitz. But when a short uphill intervened before eight kilometres Mrs Kristiansen saw and heard Miss Budd start to labour and swept past

Mrs Waitz came back from a 10 metre deficit and left Miss Budd well behind, and only just failed to catch her compatriot.

Martti Vainio, of Finland, caught Julian Goater after the Briton's breakaway, at the same point where Mrs Kristiansen broke away.

Goater was an easy second and with Colin Reitz, overjoyed with his fourth place after finishing 11th last year, and David Moorcroft sixth, England won the team race for the third year in succession.

RESULTS: 1, I Kristiansen (Nor), 31:25; 2, G Waitz (Nor), 31:28; 3, Z Budd (GB) 31:42; 4, R Mota (Port), 33:09; 5, M Cotton (GB) 34:18; 6, B Moe (Nor), 34.22. Men: 1, M Vainio (Fin), 28:38; 2, J Goater (GB), 28:48; 3, C Lambregts (Neth), 28:51; 4, C Reitz (GB), 28:53; 5, N-K Hjorth (Den), 28.57; 6, D Moorcroft (GB), 28.57; 9, D Partridge (GB), 29:08.0; P Cuskin (GB), 30:01.0.

ICE HOCKEY

Racers get a couple of Rockets

By Robert Pryce

Dundee Rockets	5
Murrayfield Racers	4

Two power-play goals in two minutes from Mike Walker gave Dundee Rockets their third successive British championship title at Wembley yesterday.

Dundee's experience of the bigger game saw them through a difficult second period, when Reilly and Lynch combined for two goals in 46 seconds. Reilly has just replaced Sobkowich on Racers' top line. The 882nd and last goal of his 18 year-career gave Murrayfield a 4–2 lead to carry into the third period.

The Edinburgh team them discarded their advantage with a series of penalties, mainly to Chris Kelland, their Canadian captain. Walker scored on their fourth and fifth power-play opportunities, then hit the post and saw his point-blank shot deflected on to the roof of the net.

Dundee had survived a bruising semi-final against Durham Wasps the previous night, recovering from an 8–7 deficit to win 10–8.

SCORER: Dundee: Walker (2), Haplin, Brinster, R Wood. Murrayfield: Sobkowich, A Hands, Lynch, Reilly.

HOCKEY

Neston know the drill and Lyons pay the penalty

By a Special Correspondent

Neston, England's representatives in next month's European Cup in Spain, beat Lyons 3-0 in the final of the National Inter-League Championship at the Willesden sports stadium yesterday (a special correspondent writes).

Victory turned on the team's penalty corner drill, with Neston's Welsh international David Peters scoring three times from his six attempts, whilst Lyons failed to get a shot in from five corners.

Neston had to wait until the 28th minute for Peters to open the scoring from their third penalty corner. Greene missed a great chance to seal the game two minutes later by shooting wide when well placed. The second half started with an all-out Neston onslaught and only stout defensive work from Potier and Vilkhu kept them at bay until the 20th minute when Peters scored his second. Three minutes later he completed his treble.

Lyons beat a depleted Southgate for a place in the final, whilst Neston progressed at the expense of Cambridge City.

NESTON: C Ashcroft; D Peters, C Cubley (capt), P McKeown, M Wilkinson, D Stannard, A Pickthall, J Royce, D Church, P Renshaw, S Greene.

LYONS: B Potter; B deSouza, R Vilkhu (capt), M Deegan, V Jolly, B Soor, R Rai, D Channa, M Shahzad, S Soor, B Brar.

Umpires: G D Nash & M P Grimsdale

FINAL: Neston 3 Lyons 0. Semi finals: Neston, Cambridge City 1 (Neston won 6-5 on strokes); Lyons 1 Southgate 0. 5th/6th place: Iaca 2, Harborne 0.

YACHTING

Dicker secures championship

Chris Dicker, from the Royal Norfolk and Suffolk fleet at Lowestoft, now has an unassailable lead in the Dragon championship, which finishes at Levington today (a Special Correspondent writes). Dicker came second in the two races held on Saturday, and was second again yesterday, sealing his overall win a few hundred yards from the finish, when Philip Tolhurst, winner of Saturday's first race and lying a close third to Dicker yesterday, had to pull out when his forestay parted. Tolhurst was the only competitor who could have beaten Dicker

The final race of the championship, which has attracted Dragons from nearly all the main fleets, takes place off Harwich.

RESULTS: First race: 1, Warlord II (P Tolhurst; 2, Skal III (C Dicker); 3, Coquille St Jack (M Patten). Second race: 1, Avalanche II (P Wade); 2, Skal III; 3, Sandpiper (N Streeter). Third race: 1, Ariel (R Melville); 2, Skal III; 3, Poly (P Gifford).

BADMINTON

England will be doubly tested

England's ability to confirm her newly acquired status as the world's third best badminton nation will have both its bigest test and its biggest incentive when the Thomas and Uber Cup competitions begin here today (Richard Eaton writes from Kuala Lumpur).

Prize money, which has never previously been available for either event before, has unexpectedly rocketed to around the $100,000 mark because of the rule that says 20 per cent of the takings shall go towards it. These, with full houses of 10,000 people guaranteed every night, will be considerable and the countries that finish in the medal positions will be handsomely rewarded. The pressure on the Englishmen who take on Malaysia in difficult humid conditions in a badminton-mad country, is thus increased. They beat Malaysia 5-4 to reach the semi-finals last time

Relegation cliff-hanger

By Hugh Taylor

Dundee, who were not so long ago one of the most celebrated of Scotland's clubs, are ending this season on an anxious note. They are involved in a tense battle with their Tayside neighbours, St Johnstone, to escape relegation from the premier division.

Although they gave themselves a lifeline with their 2-2 draw against Rangers at Ibrox, they require one point from their last two matches. They face Heart of Midlothian at Tynecastle on Wednesday, and if they lose it will be all to play for on Saturday at Dens Park, when they meet St Johnstone.

Aberdeen staged a gala at Pittorie, to celebrate their second premier division championship success in five seasons, but Hibernian spoilt the party, by taking a 2-0 lead. The game ended with the Hibernian players protesting angrily against a face-saving equalizer by Porteous

● Willie Ormond, Scotland's most successful manager, has died in an Edinburgh hospital, at the age of 59. Under OrmOnd, a former international forward, Scotland won 18 and drew eight of 38 matches, as well as qualifying for the 1974 World Cup finals in West Germany, an achievement which earned him the OBE.

Ormond managed both Heart of Midlothian and Hibernian but left the game to concentrate on running an Edinburgh public house. He leaves a wife, a son and a daughter.

Wimbledon on brink

By Nicholas Harling

Sheffield United	1
Wimbledon	2

What Derek Dougan will make of Plough Lane is anyone's guess. But the eloquent chairman of Wolverhampton Wanderers, and the rest of the second division had better get used to visiting Wimbledon's modest home, because by tea-time today Wimbledon may well have secured the right to play the likes of Wolves, home and away next season. The privilege will be theirs if they beat Gillingham at home this afternoon.

Like the successful Wolves of the fifties, Wimbledon employed the long ball fruitfully, even if they are far less subtle. To a large extent they bang the ball forward, relying on it coming back to them

At Bramall Lane on Saturday, Wimbledon also showed that they can play a bit. Evans nodded them in front after 41 minutes, from a cross by Peters, the archetypal long-ball specialist; and a magnificent header by Cork doubled that lead. United responded with a rally, which included a goal by Morris, but Wimbledon hung on.

SHEFFIELD UNITED: P Tomlinson; T Heffernan, J Bolton, K Arnott, P Stancliffe (sub, R Atkins) G West, C Morris, G Cockerill, K Edwards, R McHale, P Garner.
WIMBLEDON: D Beasant; G Peters, N Winterburn, S Galliers, M Morris, S Hatter, S Evans, S Ketteridge, A Cork, K Gage, P Fishenden (sub, M Smith).
Referee: G Courtney (Spennymore, Co Durham).

Danger is the spur

By Clive White

Ipswich Town	1
Sunderland	0

It tickles me how teams who are plodding along lifelessly suddenly transform themselves, without the aid of stimulants, into high speed world-beaters once confronted with a last moment deficit or relegation. It seems danger must be imminent before it stirs them.

Take Sunderland. The threat of relegation was breathing down their necks last week and they responded with a performance of strong character. Three points pocketed and the heat was temporarily off. They came to Portman Road on Saturday for a match crucial to both teams and played like a mid-table side without a care in the world for the first 45 minutes, during which the earnest Ipswich got their goal and clung to it before Sunderlnd did the second half rallying bit.

The likelihood is, however, that both teams will avoid relegation, a fate they would have found hard to conceive earlier in the season. Ipswich were third in the table until mid-October, when Mariner and Wark declared their financial dissatisfaction and rancour began to worm its way through the side. It took a long time to stop the rot and Bobby Ferguson, the manager, with little to spend, had to harvest his crop much too early.

The question for the distant future is whether Ipswich can rise again.

Ipswich's greatest wish, at the moment, is for an experienced, prolific goal scorer, preferably a cheap one. Such a prayer might be answered by Sunderland, the player currently on loan from Arsenal. But two goals in 13 games is not the sort of ratio they seek. He cleverly manoeuvred two scoring positions on Saturday but just failed to finish both. For the second time in a fortnight they benefited from the opportunism and heading power of their dependable central defender, Osman, who scored ten minutes before half time. The young Ipswich limbslooked a little weary in the second half, and today they must go to Old Trafford, where the demanding Ferguson, again, expects every boy to do his duty.

IPSWICH TOWN: P Cooper; F Yallop, S McCall, R Zondervan, R Osman, I Cranson, T Putney, M Brennan, M D'Avray, A Sunderland, E Gates.
SUNDERLAND: C Turner; B Venison, N Pickering, I Atkins, R Hindmarch, S Elliott, P Bracewell, B Robson, C West, G Chisholm (sub M Proctor), L James.
Referee: A Ward (London).

Pledge fro[illegible] Wilkins

The imminent departure of Wilkins to AC Milan means [illegible] Bryan Robson is certain to stay [illegible] Manchester United next sea[illegible] Ron Atkinson, the United mana[illegible] confirmed yesterday: "There is [illegible] chance now of Robson leaving [illegible] club."

Guiseppe Farina, Milan's pre[illegible] dent, flew to Manchester [illegible] Saturday to settle the £1.5m d[illegible] Wilkins [illegible] a letter of int[illegible] agreeing to the move and will tra[illegible] to Italy on Wednesday to final[illegible] personal terms.

United have [illegible] replacement f[illegible] Wilkins in Gordon Strachan, an[illegible] Atkinson may consider buying th[illegible] former Watford forward, Luthe[illegible] Blissett, from AC Milan.

Liverpool are [illegible] lining up the transfer of Paul Walsh, of Luton Town.

John Toshack, sacked twice by Swansea City this season, is expected to sign a contract today as manager of Sporting Lisbon.

Maidstone title

Maidstone United won the Alliance Premier League championship when they beat Telford United 6-0 on Saturday (Paul Newman writes). Maidstone now go forward for the second year in succession as non-League football's candidates for election to the Football League. Dartford won the Southern League championship and promotion to the Alliance when they won 2-0 away to Sutton Coldfield Town.

Final violence

Madrid (Reuter) – About 60 people, including several players, were treated for iquries after Saturday night's Spanish cup final, when violence erupted both on and off the pitch seconds after the final whistle. Athletic Bilbao beat Barcelona 1-0 in a tense and scrappy game, to clinch the league and cup double. Players from both sides exchanged vicious kicks and blows, then supporters joined in.

TODAY'S FOOTBALL AND OTHER FIXTURES

First division

Arsenal v West Ham (11.0)
Aston Villa v Everton
Liverpool v Coventry C
Luton T v Stoke C
Manchester Utd v Ipswich T
Norwich C v Birmingham C
Nottingham Forest v Watford
QPR v West Bromwich
Southampton v Tottenham H
Sunderland v Notts County
Wolverhampton W v Leicester C

Second division

Blackburn R v Cardiff C
Brighton v Middlesbrough
Cambridge Utd v Shrewsbury T
Carlisle Utd v Crystal Palace
Charlton A v Fulham
Chelsea v Barnsley
Huddersfield T v Newcastle Utd
Oldham Ath v Grimsby T
Sheffield Wed v Manchester City
Swansea C v Leeds Utd

Third division

Bolton W v Sheffield Utd
Bradford C v Lincoln C
Exeter C v Bournemouth
Newport County v Brentford (7.30)
Orient v Oxford Utd (7.30)
Port Vale v Hull C (7.30)
Rotherham Utd v Wigan Ath (7.30)
Scunthorpe Utd v Burnley
Southend Utd v Plymouth Argyle (7.30)
Walsall v Preston
Wimbledon v Gillingham

Fourth division

Blackpool v Halifax T
Chester v Bristol City
Chesterfield v Aldershot (7.30)
Colchester Utd v Hereford Utd
Crewe Alex v Mansfield T
Reading v Tranmere R
Rochdale v Torquay Utd (7.30)
Stockport City v Doncaster R (7.30)
Swindon T v Peterborough Utd
York C v Bury

Scottish premier division

Dundee Utd v Aberdeen

OTHER SPORT

HOCKEY: East Clubs Championship: at Peterborough Town H.C., 11.00; Semi-finals: Cambridge City v Bedford; St. Albans v Beds Eagles. Final at 2.30. Festival: Eastcote (10.00). Women's Festival: Eastcote (10.00).
MOTOR CYCLING: Brands Hatch: Transatlantic Trophy (round 6): 500c, 350cc, 250cc, sidecars. Practice from 9.00. Racing from 12.30.
MOTOR RACING: Thruxton Circuit: Brocklands Raceday, Main race, Marlboro British Formula Three, plus full programme of races for historic and classic single-seater racing cars and saloons. First race 2.00. Qualifying from 9.00. Oulton Park: Racing from 2.00. Snetterton: Racing from 2.00.
CROQUET: Southwick Weekend, Cheltenham Open Championships, Hunstanton Weekend, Hurlingham Weekend.
TENNIS: Men's Challenger Series and Women's Authorised Tournaments at Sutton (10.00).
RACKETS: Sandhurst Weekend (RMA Sandhurst and Wellington College).
SNOOKER: World Professional Championship (Crucible Theatre, Sheffield, 2 and 7.00).
SWIMMING: SCASA Championships (Crystal Palace NSC, 12.30).

Missing the bus

Two Middlesbrough juniors, Peter Beagrie and John McNahon, have been fined one week's wages and lost the chance of making a first team debut at Brighton today.

Willie Maddren the chief coach, said "Both have been punished for sleeping in, and missing the bus taking the junior team to York. The players have got to learn a lesson. I would have played Beagrie or McMahon against Brighton, but now they are now they are not even in the party to travel."

First division

Birmingham City	0	Liverpool	0
Coventry City	2	Luton Town	2
Everton	1	Manchester Utd	1
Ipswich Town	1	Sunderland	0
Leicester City	2	Nottm Forest	1
Notts County	0	QPR	3
Stoke City	1	Southampton	1
Tottenham	2	Norwich City	0
Watford	0	Wolverhampton	0
West Bromwich	1	Arsenal	3
West Ham United	0	Aston Villa	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	39	21	12	6	67	31	75
Manchester Utd	39	20	13	6	69	36	73
QPR	40	22	6	12	65	33	72
Southampton	38	19	10	9	58	37	67
Nottm Forest	39	19	8	12	67	43	65
Arsenal	40	18	8	14	70	55	62
Tottenham	40	17	9	14	63	59	60
Aston Villa	40	17	9	14	58	57	60
West Ham United	39	17	8	14	56	49	59
Watford	40	15	9	16	65	71	54
Everton	39	13	14	12	38	41	53
Leicester City	40	13	12	15	65	65	51
Luton Town	40	14	9	17	53	62	51
Norwich City	39	12	13	14	45	45	49
Sunderland	40	12	12	16	40	53	48
Ipswich Town	40	13	8	19	51	55	47
West Bromwich	39	13	8	18	44	59	47
Coventry City	40	12	11	17	55	71	47
Birmingham City	40	12	10	18	38	49	46
Stoke City	40	11	11	18	39	63	44
Notts County	39	10	9	20	49	69	39
Wolverhampton	40	5	11	24	26	78	26

SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier Division: Alvechurch 2, Witney Town 1; A P Leamington 2, Stourbridge 1; Bedworth 3, Cheltenham 0; Chelmsford 5, Dorchester 0; Corby 0, King's Lynn 1; Gloucester 3, Fareham Town 3; Gosport 0, Folkestone 2; Gravesend 2, Hastings 1; Sutton Coldfield 0, Dartford 2; Welling United 1, Fisher Athletic 1; Midland Division: Aylesbury 3, Redditch 4, Banbury 1, Forest Green 1; Bridgnorth 0, Willenhall 2; Bridgwater 1, Merthyr Tydfil 1; Bromsgrove Rovers 0, Moor Green 1; Coventry S 0, V S Rugby 2; Dudley 1, Oldbury 0; Rushden 3, Milton Keynes 3; Tamworth 1, Leicester United 3; Southern Division: Addlestone 6, Woodford 1; Andover 0, Basingstoke 2; Ashford 3, Erith and Belvedere 0; Chatham 3, Salisbury 0; Hounslow 0, Hillingdon 0; R S Southampton 3, Dover 0; Thanet 1, Canterbury 2; Tonbridge 2, Crawley 3; Waterlooville 0, Poole 0.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Wednesday 1, Newcastle 3.
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers 1, Tottenham 4; Norwich 0, Queen's Park Rangers 1; Reading 1, Swansea 5; Swindon 0, Luton 3.
SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Arsenal 1, Millwall 1; Cambridge United 0, Chelsea 1; Charlton 0, Orient 1; Ipswich 3, Watford 4; Portsmouth 0, West Ham 2; Southend 1, Fulham 2. Second division: Brentford 5, Oxford United 0.

Second division

Barnsley	0	Oldham Athletic	1
Cardiff City	2	Brighton	2
Crystal Palace	2	Swansea City	0
Fulham	1	Cambridge United	0
Grimsby Town	3	Blackburn Rovers	2
Leeds United	3	Carlisle United	0
Middlesbrough	1	Charlton Athletic	0
Newcastle United	4	Derby County	0
Portsmouth	1	Huddersfield	1
Shrewsbury Town	2	Sheffield Wed	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sheffield Wed	40	25	9	6	70	34	84
Chelsea	40	23	13	4	86	39	82
Newcastle United	40	23	7	10	80	50	76
Grimsby Town	40	19	13	8	59	44	70
Manchester City	40	19	9	12	61	48	66
Blackburn Rovers	40	16	15	9	54	45	63
Carlisle United	40	16	15	9	45	37	63
Shrewsbury Town	40	16	10	14	46	52	58
Brighton	40	16	9	15	65	57	57
Charlton Athletic	40	16	9	15	50	59	57
Leeds United	40	15	11	14	52	54	56
Huddersfield	40	14	13	13	54	47	55
Fulham	40	13	12	15	53	50	51
Cardiff City	40	15	5	20	52	63	50
Barnsley	40	14	7	19	54	49	49
Middlesbrough	40	12	12	16	41	44	48
Portsmouth	40	13	7	20	68	62	46
Crystal Palace	40	12	10	18	40	48	46
Oldham Athletic	40	12	8	20	45	69	44
Derby County	40	10	9	21	34	69	39
Swansea City	40	7	7	26	34	78	28
Cambridge United	40	3	12	25	27	72	21

ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Altrincham 1, Wealdstone 0; Barnet 1, Bath 2; Boston United 3, Yeovil 2; Dagenham 3, Bangor City 1; Enfield 0, Gateshead 3, Kidderminster 1, Frickley Athletic 1; Maidstone 6, Telford United 0; Trowbridge 1, Northwich Victoria 1; Weymouth 6, Scarborough 1; Worcester 0 Kettering 3.
IRISH CUP FINAL: Ballymena 4, Carrick Rangers 1.
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Barrow 5, Burton Albion 0; Horwich 2, Worksop 3; Marine 5, Hyde United 2; Oswestry 2, Gainsborough 1; South Liverpool 2, Buxton 0; Stafford Rangers 2, Rhyl 1; Witton Albion 2, Chorley 1; Workington 4, Grantham 1.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Harrow 2, Bognor Regis 2. First division: Chesham 1, Walton and Hersham 0; Epsom 1, Feltham 2; Farnborough 1, Leatherhead 8; Hampton 3, Cheshunt 0; Hertford 1, Metropolitan Police 2; Oxford City 0, Hornchurch 1; Tilbury 2, Lewes 0. Second division: Barton Rovers 0 Uxbridge 2; Eastbourne United 1, St Albans 3; Egham 2, Letchworth 3; Grays 3, Newbury 2; Hemel Hempstead 2, Corinthian Casuals 3; Southall 2, Basildon 3; Tring 1 Dorking 2. CUP FINAL: First leg: Wycombe Wanderers 1, Sutton United 1.
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: South Bank 2, North Shields 0.
ATHENIAN LEAGUE: Berkhamsted 0, Harwich and Parkeston 2; Thatcham 7, Horley 0.

Third division

Bournemouth	1	Port Vale	1
Brentford	3	Scunthorpe	0
Burnley	2	Orient	3
Gillingham	4	Newport County	1
Hull City	2	Southend United	1
Lincoln City	0	Rotherham	1
Millwall	3	Bolton Wanderers	0
Oxford United	1	Exeter City	1
Plymouth Argyle	3	Walsall	1
Preston North End	1	Bradford City	2
Sheffield United	1	Wimbledon	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oxford United	44	26	11	7	88	47	89
Wimbledon	44	25	9	10	94	73	84
Sheffield United	44	23	11	10	83	50	80
Hull City	43	22	13	8	69	37	79
Bristol Rovers	44	21	12	11	65	52	75
Walsall	44	21	8	15	65	59	71
Bradford City	43	20	10	13	72	58	70
Gillingham	44	19	9	16	70	67	66
Millwall	43	17	13	13	66	61	64
Orient	44	18	9	17	69	76	63
Burnley	43	16	14	13	76	53	62
Bolton Wanderers	44	17	10	17	62	57	61
Newport County	44	16	13	15	57	72	61
Wigan Athletic	44	15	13	16	44	52	58
Lincoln City	44	16	9	19	56	60	57
Preston North End	44	14	11	19	63	63	53
Bournemouth	44	14	7	23	57	72	49
Rotherham	43	13	9	21	48	60	48
Brentford	44	11	14	19	67	77	47
Plymouth Argyle	43	11	11	21	49	60	44
Southend United	44	10	13	21	54	74	43
Scunthorpe	43	8	18	17	49	69	42
Port Vale	43	9	10	24	47	80	37
Exeter City	44	6	15	23	50	79	33

LONDON SENIOR CUP FINAL: Dulwich Hamlet 2 Kingstonian 2 (after extra time).
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Alfreton Town 0, Guisborough Town 1; Belper Town 0, Emley 2; Bridlington Trinity 3, Winterton Rangers 2; Boston 3, Eastwood Town 1; Ilkeston Town 1, Guiseley 4; Mexborough Town 1, Thackley 0.
NORTHWEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Accrington Stanley 3, Congleton Town 1; Leek Town 2, Lancaster City 1; Netherfield 0, Caernarfon Town 5; Penrith 5, Darwen 0; Radcliffe Borough 2, Stalybridge City 1.
ALLIANCE PREMIER LEAGUE: Bangor City v Dagenham.
ISTHMIAN LEAGUE CUP: Final, second leg: Sutton United v Wycombe Wanderers.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper Town v Appleby Frodingham; Bentley Victoria v Bridlington Trinity; Boston v Alfreton Town; Guiseley v Ilkeston Town; Guisborough Town v Spalding United; Mexborough Town v Winterton Rangers.
WOMEN'S F. A. CUP FINAL: Howbury Grange 4, Doncaster Belles 2.

Fourth division

Aldershot	3	Blackpool	2
Bristol City	1	Swindon Town	0
Bury	1	Northampton	2
Doncaster R	3	Rochdale	0
Hartlepool United	1	Stockport County	2
Hereford United	1	Reading	1
Mansfield Town	0	York City	1
Peterborough	2	Darlington	2
Torquay United	3	Crewe Alexandra	1
Tranmere Rovers	2	Chester City	2
Wrexham	0	Colchester United	2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York City	44	30	8	6	92	37	98
Doncaster R	43	22	13	8	79	53	79
Bristol City	45	23	10	12	68	43	79
Reading	44	21	15	8	80	53	78
Aldershot	44	22	8	14	75	66	74
Blackpool	43	20	9	14	66	49	69
Peterborough	44	17	14	13	71	46	65
Colchester United	44	16	16	12	65	49	64
Torquay United	44	17	13	14	58	63	64
Tranmere Rovers	43	16	15	12	51	47	63
Stockport County	44	17	11	16	60	61	62
Hereford United	44	15	15	14	52	49	60
Crewe Alexandra	43	16	10	17	54	62	58
Chesterfield	44	14	15	15	54	56	57
Bury	44	14	14	16	59	60	56
Swindon Town	44	14	13	17	58	54	55
Darlington	43	16	6	21	45	48	54
Northampton	45	13	14	18	52	75	53
Mansfield Town	44	11	13	20	60	68	46
Halifax Town	44	11	12	21	51	84	45
Rochdale	45	10	13	22	51	80	43
Wrexham	42	9	13	20	47	68	40
Hartlepool United	44	9	9	26	43	82	36
Chester City	44	7	13	24	44	79	34

RUGBY LEAGUE

PREMIERSHIP: Semi-finals: Hull v Castleford (7.30); Hull KR v St Helens (11.30).
SECOND DIVISION: Swinton v Cardiff (3.0).

LEADING GOALSCORERS

First division: I Rush (Liverpool) 42; S Archibald (Tottenham) 27; T. Christie (Notts County) 24.
Second division: K Dixon (Chelsea) 33; K Keegan (Newcastle) 27; M Hateley (Portsmouth) 24.
Third division: K Edwards (Sheffield United) 40; A Cork (Wimbledon) 32; J Aldridge (Oxford United) 29.
Fourth division: T Senior (Reading) 36; A Adcock (Colchester) 31; J Byrne (York) 27.

Not belles of the ball

Two goals each by Yvonne Baldeo and Terry Springett gave Howbury Grange a 4-2 victory over Doncaster Belles, the holders, in the final of the Women's FA Cup final at Sincil Bank, Lincoln yesterday. Lorrane Hawson scored both goals for Doncaster.

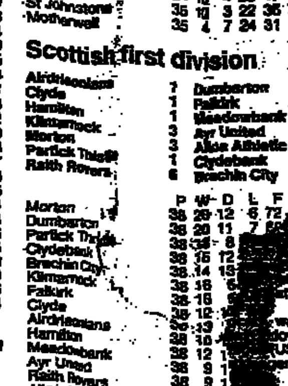
Scottish premier division

Aberdeen	2	Hibernian	2
Dundee United	2	St Mirren	2
Hearts	1	Celtic	1
Rangers	2	Dundee	2
St Johnstone	3	Motherwell	1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	33	25	5	3	78	18	55
Celtic	35	21	7	7	79	40	49
Dundee United	33	18	9	6	65	36	[illegible]
Rangers	33	14	10	9	51	40	[illegible]
Hearts	34	9	15	10	36	46	33
St Mirren	35	8	14	13	52	57	30
Hibernian	35	12	6	17	45	55	30
Dundee	34	10	4	20	47	73	24
St Johnstone	35	10	3	22	35	79	23
Motherwell	35	4	7	24	31	74	15

Scottish first division

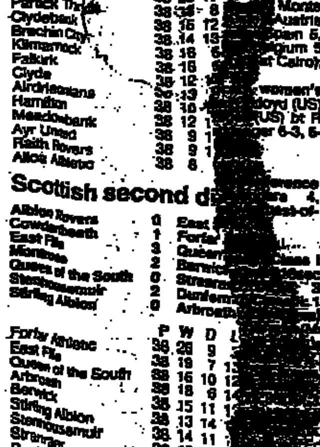
Airdrieonians	1	Dumbarton	4
Clyde	1	Falkirk	0
Hamilton	1	Meadowbank	2
Kilmarnock	3	Ayr United	0
Morton	3	Alloa Athletic	0
Partick Thistle	1	Clydebank	1
Raith Rovers	6	Brechin City	0



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Morton	38	20	12	6	72	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dumbarton	38	20	11	7	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Partick Thistle	38	[illegible]	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clydebank	38	16	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Brechin City	38	14	15	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kilmarnock	38	16	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Falkirk	38	16	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Clyde	38	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Airdrieonians	38	13	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hamilton	38	10	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Meadowbank	38	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ayr United	38	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Raith Rovers	38	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Alloa Athletic	38	8	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Scottish second division

Albion Rovers	0	East [illegible]	[illegible]
Cowdenbeath	1	Forfar [illegible]	[illegible]
East Fife	3	Queen[illegible]	[illegible]
Montrose	2	Berwic[illegible]	[illegible]
Queen of the South	0	Stranra[illegible]	[illegible]
Stenhousemuir	2	Dunferm[illegible]	[illegible]
Stirling Albion	0	Arbroath	[illegible]



	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forfar Athletic	38	28	9	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
East Fife	38	19	7	1[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Queen of the South	38	16	10	12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Arbroath	38	18	6	14	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Berwick	38	15	11	1[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Racing: Runners and riders for six National Hunt programmes

Sadler's Wells shocks backers

From Our Irish Correspondent, Dublin

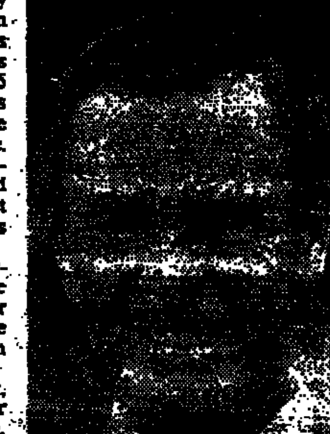
The Derrinstown Stud Derby Trial Stakes at Leopardstown on Saturday looked no contest as Sadler's Wells led his five opponents down to the start, for only 25 minutes earlier El Gran Señor, his stable companion, had won the 2,000 Guineas in emphatic style. Sadler's Wells, unbeaten as a two-year-old, had got closer to El Grand Señor in the Gladness Stakes last month than any of the Guineas runners.

Sean Graham, the Belfast bookmaker, who helped to shorten the odds about the Guineas winner sending back to the course more than £30,000, got odds of 7-2 laid on Sadler's Wells.

Intrepid punters received a shock, even if they finally drew their winnings. In a muddling race, Sadler's Wells had to be driven right out to hold off Inflation Beater by a neck.

George McGarth did not accept that his moint had produced his true running. Even so, it was modest enough effort for a would-be Derby runner, and William Hill reacted by taking him out of their Derby list.

Among all the Irish racehorse owners there are few who can match the luck of the senior steward, Denis McCarthy. He once went three years without having a single runner out of the money, and he must have a lively fancy for the Goff's Irish 1,000 Guines in the Thatching filly, So Fine.



Liam Browne: Ascot Gold Cup plans

So Fine upset the odds-on favourite, Easy To Copy, by a neck in the one mile Ballybrack race.

Bold Connecson having her first run since taking second place to Band at Goodwood last summer, overturned better finacied rivals in Condell and Ounavarra in the two mile Saval Beg Stakes. The winner, is trained by Liam Browne, and he said afterwards that the colt would have one more run before being aimed at the Ascot Gold Cup.

Kentucky Derby for Swale

Louisville (Reuter) – Swale, a son of the 1977 Triple Crown winner, Seattle Slew, took advantage of a fast track to win the 110th Kentucky Derby by three and a quarter lengths from the outsider, Mc Chad, who took second place from At The Threshold in a photo finish.

Swale, who became the second favourite after Woody Stephens, the trainer, withdrew Devil's Bag four days before the race, gave Laffit Pincay, the Panamanian jockey his first Derby win from 11 mounts. For Stephens, it was his second victory in the race for three-year-olds. He trained the 1974 winner, Cannonade.

Swale, a dark brown colt, overtook the favourite, Althea, one of the two fillies in the 20-horse field, before the turn into the straight and steadily pulled away over the final quarter mile.

Stephens, who left the hospital bed where he was recovering from pneumonia to be at Churchill Downs, said: "I thought he was a cinch anyway".

Swale, who earned $537,400 for Seth Hancock's Claiborne Farm, went off at odds of 3-1.

Mr Hancock said in the winner's circle that, contrary to statements by Stephens earlier in the week, it was still possible that Swale would run two weeks from today in the Preakness Stakes – the second leg of the Triple Crown.

Saturday's results

Newmarket

Worcester

Kempton Park

Haydock Park

Point-to-point winners

Flat leaders

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
G Harwood	18	8	18	0	+9.46
R Hollinshead	16	5	11	0	+11.50
H Cecil	13	6	4	0	-2.93
W O'Gorman	11	10	5	0	+6.13
P Cole	10	3	4	0	+63.38
J Dunlop	9	6	4	0	-9.21

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
S Cauthen	21	14	12	0	+6.75
Pat Eddery	18	9	8	3	+15.34
W R Swinburn	16	9	6	0	+31.11
T Ives	13	24	12	12	-41.62
W Ryan	13	3	13	0	+29.38
S Perks	11	7	3	3	-6.63
L Piggott	11	15	12	5	-26.84

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JOCKEYS: W Carson 44 from 210, 21.0%; E Hide 31 from 273, 11.4%; G Duffield 20 from 228, 8.8%.

KEMPTON

TRAINERS: G Harwood 21 from 103, 20.4%; R W Armstrong 15 from 79, 18.9%; M Stoute 14 from 74, 18.9%.

JOCKEYS: P Cook 10 from 124, 8.1%; Pat Eddery 25 from 146, 17.1%; B Rouse 19 from 201, 17.1%; W Swinburn 13 from 86, 15.1%.

HAYDOCK

TRAINERS: R Hollinshead 18 from 312, 5.8%; H M Easterby 13 from 152, 8.6%; B Hills

Fontwell Park

Ludlow

Towcester

Devon and Exeter

Southwell

Newcastle

Today's Point-to-Points

Burton at The Carholme (5.30); Cotley at Cotley Farm (2.0); Cotswold at Andoversford (2.0); East Sussex & Romney Marsh at Heathfield (1.45); Enfield Chase at Northaw (2.0); Mr Goschen's at Tweseldown (2.15); North Shropshire at Eyton-on-Severn (2.0); Radnor and West Hertfordshire at Cursneh Hill (2.0); Stevenstone at Crimp (2.30); West Norfolk at Fakenham (2.0).

Blinkered first time

HAYDOCK: 4.10 Merlon.
WARWICK: 2.0 Major Mark 2.0 Kitty Come Home.
DONCASTER: 3.20 Alma Real. 4.0 Tara's Chariot.
KEMPTON: 3.45 Vitanges 4.15 Jolly Business.

● Malcolm Jefferson sends Gone With The Vet to run on the final day of the three-day Punchestown festival on Thursday.

Gone With The Vet, an impressive winner of his only race to date, a National Hunt flat race at Ayr in April, runs in the Curragh Bloodstock Agency Champion Flat Race, in which he will be parnered by Ronnie Beggan, the Engish-based but Dublin-born amateur. This is the first time that the winner of an English National Hunt race has contested an Irish bumper.

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Psalm 111: 4

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BOWYER. – On April 28th to Carol and Andrew – a daughter (Lucy Claire).

BRASSELL – On April 29th to Trudy (née Green) and Simon – a son, Thomas George William, a brother for Nicole Elizabeth Rose.

MARRIAGES

NORTH–NEL – On May 5 1984. At the Methodist Church, Potchefstroom, Sth Africa, Adrian Roy, Greenford, England, to Joanni, daughter of Mr & Mrs J. J. Nel.

DEATHS

BATESON Irene (Poll), suddenly & peacefully, widow of Colonel A Bateson, OBE, of Heron's Ghyll Lodge, Uckfield, Sussex. Funeral private.

MAHONEY – On 28th April, at home, Francie Gerrard, dear husband of Veronica and much loved father of Francesca, Nicholas, Antonia and Gabrielle. No flowers but donations to British Heart Foundation.

RYBURN – On May 3, 1984, suddenly at home April Cottage, South Instow, Sybil, aged 74, dearest wife of Ray. Cremation at Bournemouth on Friday, 11 May, 3.15pm. Further enquiries to James Smith Ltd, 60a King's Road, Swanage. Tel: 422 445.

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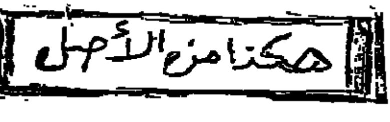
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9.00 Battle of the Planets. Cartoon.
9.20 The Secret of Old Glory Mine. Walt Disney short about a reclusive old prospector. 10.05 Cartoon. 10.15 Pigeon Street. 10.30 Play School.
10.55 Film: Son of Sinbad (1955). Second generation Arabian Nights adventure with Dale Robertson swapping his cowboy horse for a magic carpet to free himself from the Khalif's clutches and save Baghdad. Vincent Price is his pal, Omar Khayyam. Sally Forrest the romantic interest. 12.27 Weather.
12.30 Grandstand: David Coleman cues-in Football Focus at 12.35; News headlines at 12.50; World professional snooker finals at 2.40, 3.05; Racing from Haydock Park at 1.55, 2.25, 3.05; Rugby League Premiership Trophy highlights at 12.55; Half time scores at 3.50; Final Score at 4.40.
5.05 Mike Read's Replay Selection. Pop videos from the Saturday morning Superstore series, by Culture Club, Thompson Twins, Paul McCartney with Michael Jackson, Police, Wang Chung, Nik Kershaw.
5.50 News, weather.
6.00 Sport and regional news.
6.05 Film: The Great Locomotive Chase (1965). Walt Disney Civil War adventure, based on the same daring story as Buster Keaton's *The General*, has Fess Parker as Union spy James Andrews, whose legendary Raiders went behind Confederate lines to steal a train and tear up track.
7.30 The Winners: Hi-de-Hi! The Perry-Croft original holiday camp comedy set in the late Fifties, leads-in a selection of recent BBC award-winners, linked by Frank Bough, who also interviews some of those involved. This return trip to Maplin's involves Jeffrey Fairbrother's estranged wife. Simon Cadell, Paul Shane, Ruth Madoc, Su Pollard co-star (r).
8.00 The Two Ronnies. And it's hello again from them in the one that featured the film spoof, Raiders of the Last Auk, with Barker and Corbett as hyper-hero Littlehampton Jones and his arch adversary Von Heseltein. Mike McCarthy was awarded by Bafta for his sound supervision on the series (r).
8.50 Three of a Kind. Lenny Henry, David Copperfield and Tracey Ullman (who picked up this year's light entertainer trophy from Bafta) in quick-fire salvo of verbal and visual gags, provided for them by a caravanserai of have-gag-will-travel writers they share with tonight's comedy winner, *Carrot's Lib*.
9.25 News, weather.
9.40 An Englishman Abroad: Alan Bennett's award-sweeping filmlet with Alan Bates as Guy Burgess, enjoying a brief encounter in Moscow with actress Coral Browne *(see Choice)*.
10.45 Carrot's Lib. Bafta-awarded Best Light Entertainment series (r).
11.23 News Headlines.
11.25 Film 84. Barry Norman's film review includes two by debutante directors, Sally Potter *(The Gold Diggers)* and Zelda Barron *(Secret Places)*. Plus *Against All Odds*, a romantic adventure with Rachel Ward and Jeff Bridges.
11.55 Weather, Closedown.

TV-am

6.25 Good Morning Britain: John Stapleton and Anne Diamond link news at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30, 9.00; sport at 6.35, 7.33; Keep fit at 6.50, 9.15; Money News at 6.45, 8.45; pop video 7.55; guest at 7.40 and 8.15 is Anthony Hopkins.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 Sesame Street. Muppets.
10.25 Laurel and Hardy: The Live Ghost. Vintage comedy short has Stan and Ollie approached by the captain of a ghost ship. *10.45 Cartoon Time.* Porky Pig/Daffy Duck double bill.
10.55 Film: Cactus Jack (1979). *Comedy Western casts Kirk* Douglas as the eponymous bad man, whose mission to steal a chest of gold is confounded by Ann-Margret and her musclebound minder, Arnold Schwarzenegger (of *Pumping Iron* fame). Director Hal Needham handled the action in *Smokey and the Bandit* vein.
12.30 Bank Holiday Sport Special. Steve Rider with golf from California *(the final round of* the Tournament of Champions with Nick Faldo) at 12.35; News at 1.00; Football Report at 1.05; Ice Hockey at 1.15 and 3.15 (British Championship semi-finals from Wembley *Arena); Racing from Kempton* at 1.40, 2.10, 2.40 and Doncaster at 1.55, 2.25, 2.55; Half-time scores at 3.50; Speedway at 4.00 (the fourth test between England and the USA); Results at 4.45.
5.05 News.
5.10 Film: Conquest of the Earth (1980) Extended episode from the sub-Star Trek SF series, *Battlestar Galactica*, anticipates an invasion of the mother-planet by the dread Cylons. Commander Adama (Lorne Greene) despatches *two of his best men to save* California.
7.00 What's My Line? More *occupational hazards for the* puzzled panel, comprising Jim Davidson, Jilly Cooper, Barbara Kelly, George Gale and Jeffrey Archer.
7.30 Coronation Street. David *Daker returns to the Rovers as* the stern relief manager Gordon Lewis.
8.00 The Kit Curran Radio Show. With The Grumbleweeds Radio Show on Saturday, *ITV's schedules are beginning* to look more like the radio listings. The garrulous presenter (Denis Lawson) uses a by-election to promote himself as the new Jimmy Young.
8.30 Best Sellers: 79 Park Avenue. The last visit to Harold Robbins's house of ill-repute *finds his heroine married to* her racketeer and about to be prosecuted for murder by the *sweetheart she once turned* down. Lesley Ann Warren plays the Manhattan madam in this fatalist yarn, given a coat of Hollywood gloss over its neutralised vice, while Raymond Burr, Marc Singer *and David Dukes also figure*. (r)
10.15 News.
10.30 Dez O'Connor Now! Chat show from London's Royalty Theatre.
11.30 The Timeless Land. Costume saga set in the days when Australia was still a penal *colony, stars Michael Craig* and Nicola Pagett. Unrest increases as English governors hop through like kangaroos. So Conor Mannion is sent to Sydney for her own safety, and old man Mannion continues his dalliance with Ellen at Beltrasna.
12.25 *Night Thoughts and* Closedown.

Cassie McFarlane (Channel 4, 10.00pm)

CHOICE

● Black film-maker Menelik *Shabazz might have chosen a more* effective symbol of middle-class white Britain, but when his heroine consigns her collection of Barbara Cartland to the incinerator, there is little doubt that she is BURNING AN ILLUSION (Channel 4, 10.00pm). For all its stylistic clumsiness, this slice-of-life drama is notable, providing, as it seems to do, a rare, real and vital insight into the values of a whole generation of black Britons. At its centre is an intelligent *independent-minded secretary* (Cassie McFarlane, an actress to watch) nourishing ideal homes and garden dreams and saddled with a boorish boyfriend. For the first, ponderous, half of the film, their colour is almost irrelevant. Only after a shocking turn of racist events (she is shot at, he is jailed for four years after defending himself against provocative, bully-boy, policemen who put him into casualty) do the couple become acutely aware of an apparent contradiction in being British and black. "We are not alone", she writes to her imprisoned boyfriend, providing a poignant rallying call from the aggrieved heartland of black Britain.

● The BBC polishes last year's jewel in its drama crown for another exhibition of AN ENGLISHMAN ABROAD (BBC 1, 9.40pm). Alan *Bennett's sparkling recreation of* a bizarre encounter in Moscow between visiting actress Coral Browne and *defected spy Guy* Burgess. John Schlesinger, directing for the small screen again after 23 years, brought to it splendid cinematic values, managing to pass Dundee convincingly for Moscow. Coral Browne visibly enjoyed playing herself, and even more, playing opposite Alan Bates, whose bitter-sweet Burgess is so puppyish and engaging one almost forgets *one's duty to despise* him.

● There is nothing more defensive than the Ministry of Defence, and the obsessive secrecy that shrouds anything remotely military prevents Horizon producer Adrian Milne from taking us too far into THE MALVERN LINK (BBC 2, 10.10pm). Having set out to assess the return *taxpayers get on their billions* invested annually by the government in weaponery science, *this critical report finds that* "the military has been almost hermetically sealed-off from public scrutiny". One concerned scientist claims that such secrecy serves to cover-up grotesquely expensive errors. Certainly the level of commercial spin-off in the civil sector is far below that of Japan and the United States. The 'Link' aims to bring the two sectors *slightly closer* via projects at the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment at Malvern.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Einstein's Belief. 6.30 Oceanography. 6.55 Learning Maths. 7.20 Tectonics and the Red Sea. 7.45 Electricity. 8.10 *Closedown. 9.00 Ceefax.*
10.00 You and Me: At the Vet's. 10.10 Ceefax.
2.15 Film: Honky Tonk (1941) "Hollywood heart-throb Clark Gable and lovely Lana Turner enjoyably matched as charming con-man, Candy Johnson, and a frontier queen who take over a gold rush *town then run into trouble with* suspicious citizens.
3.55 Film: The Train (1964) Today's other train kidnap *(see BBC 1, 6.05pm)* is also based on fact, when a French railroad man (Burt Lancaster) and *Resistance fighters try to* waylay a Nazi train laden with art treasures and bound for *Berlin. Paul Schofield plays* the German colonel in charge of the shipment, Jeanne Moreau, Suzanne Flon and Michel Simon also appear under John Frankenheimer's direction.
6.05 English Journey. To Gateshead, Newcastle and the Tyne with novelist Beryl *Bainbridge near the end of her* odyssey across the wastelands of England 50 years after J. B. Priestley took the same trail. He described Gateshead as "nothing better than a huge dingy dormitory". *She decries the concrete* council estates and high rise car park. But her spirits are *lifted by pub entertainers at* the seaside, just a metro ride away from Newcastle's city centre.
6.45 News summary, weather.
6.50 World Snooker. The 17th and final day of the World professional snooker championship in Sheffield occupies most of tonight's schedule and will understandably demand frozen meals for millions who *have been hooked by this* silent soap opera.
9.40 Sporting Chance. Make-or-*break time for the remaining* celebrities who have yet to prove themselves at their chosen activity. Windsor and Lynne Davies sail to Llanddwyn Island in North Wales, Anneka Rice must *jump from 2,000* feet.
10.10 Horizon: The Malvern Link. A critical look at the military *emphasis of British science* since the war *(see Choice)*.
11.00 News, weather.
11.05 World Snooker. David Vine charts the passage of this year's World professional *snooker champion and* provides other tournament highlights at the Crucible,
11.50 *Open University:* The Novel and Television. TV adaptations. 12.15 Welsh language schooling.
12.45 Closedown.

CHANNEL 4

2.55 Film: Decline and Fall . . . of a Birdwatcher (1968). Evelyn Waugh's sharp first novel was unhappily rendered as a film by director John Krish, despite *a cast as solid as the Bank of* England. Donalds Wolfit and Sinden, Colin Blakely, Felix Aylmer, Patrick Magee and Griffiths Jones take part, while Robin Phillips enjoys an ingenuous screen debut as the *naive hero who goes from* theology to white slaving in a Voltarian vortex. Genevieve Page is the predacious sex-pot Margot Best-Chetwynde.
5.00 Countdown. Daily word game, with Giles Brandreth manning the dictionary for Richard Whiteley.
5.30 Jeopardy. Upside-down quiz. *Contestants must supply the* correct questions.
6.00 Here's Lucy. The impressive *impressionist, Rich Little,* pretends to be a host of showbiz clients who are on Uncle Harry's books. (r).
6.30 Coping. Shared experiences series deals with second marriages and common crises for partners and inherited children.
7.00 News summary, weather, *followed by Julie Anthony's* First Special. The Australian musical star (she made her name chasing rainbows as *Irene*), in an imported spectacular based on her passage from sheep station to Sydney Opera House. Guest is comic Norman Gunston, who invariably looks as if he has *cut himself shaving*.
8.00 Marathon. Appropriately directed by Christopher Miles, *this history of long-distance* runing from ancient Greece to New York (chronologically, that is) is written by distinguished coach Cliff Temple, and follows two disciples as they prepare for, *then competes in*, the New York marathon. The London version is next Sunday.
9.00 *Africa: Mastering a Continent.* Basil Davidson's promising TV part-work explains how early African society shifted from hunter-gathering to farming settlements, whose inhabitants managed to overcome the hostile environment. Their descendants are today's *Pokot cattle herders of* northern Kenya, iron craftsmen in Sukur, on the borders of Nigeria and Cameroon, and the Dogon of Mali, celebrated dancers.
10.00 Film: Burning an Illusion (1981). Laboured but effective heart-cry from disenchanted black Britain has at its centre a moving performance by Cassie McFarlane as a young secretary who swaps her *boutique clothes for ethnic* smocks after a shocking glimpse at race hatred on her doorstep *(see Choice)*.
11.50 Close.

Radio 4

6.00 News Briefing; Weather.
6.10 Music on Record: Vaughan Williams † 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30. News Summary. 6.45 Prayer. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.35 The Week on 4. A look ahead.
8.43 The Hooligan Nights by Clarence Rook. (1). 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Team Choice with Jimmy Hill. Jimmy meets the staff of the stately home, grounds and the animals in the Safari Park at Longleat †.
10.00 News: Money Box.
10.30 Morning Story: "The Novara Train" by Mark Bourne.
10.45 Daily Service.†
11.00 News. Travel; Down Your Way visits Lyme Regis, Dorset.
11.48 Poetry Please!†
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer advice.
12.27 Stilgoe's Around with Richard Stilgoe at Guy's Hospital with Emma Thompson and the Cambridge Buskers for sound tests.† 12.25 Weather; Programme News.
1.00 *The World At One. News.*
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping.
2.00 News: Afternoon Theatre "An Inspector Calls" by J. B. *Priestley.*†
4.30 Acoustics through the Ear Trumpet. "Tones of Voice" – how good the ear is at picking up *acoustic information.*
4.40 Story Time: "Time After Time" by Molly Kearne (8).
5.00 PM: News Magazine. 5.50 Shipping. *5.55 Weather;* Programme news.
6.00 The Six O'clock News; Financial Report.
6.30 I'm Sorry, I haven't a Clue with Tim Brooke-Taylor, Willie Rushton, Graeme Garden and Barry Cryer. †
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Science Now.
7.50 *Waterlines. Cliff Michelmore* visits Dover coastguard station and talks to the lifeboatmen and coastguards.
8.15 *The Monday Play* "Facing the Sun". The tale of a Spanish hero by Sam Jacobs. †
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Sheridan Morley explores the phenomenon of Irving Berlin, who celebrates his 96th birthday at the end of this week.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "Against the Stream" by James Hanley (1).
10.30 *The World Tonight; Headlines.*
11.15 The Hireling. The story of General Patrick Gordon; written and narrated by Patrick Malahide.
12.00 *News.*
12.10 Weather
12.15 Close Shipping.
ENGLAND VHF as above except: *6.25-6.30am Weather; Travel.* 1.55-2.00pm Listening Corner. 5.50-5.55pm PM (continued). 11.30-12.00 Open University. *11.50 Music Interlude.*

Radio 3

6.55 Weather 7.00 News.
7.05 Morning Concert: Includes Stenhammar's overture Serenade in F, Vivaldi's Spring (Four Seasons), and Copland's Ballet Appalachian Spring, conducted by the composer. †8.00 News.
8.05 Morning Concert part two; Jeanequin's Chant des oiseaux, Stamitz's Spring Symph, Schubert's Rosamunde (excerpts), Delius's First Cuckoo, *Carl Orff's Primo vere (Carmina* Burana). 9.00 News.
9.05 Week's Composer: Smetana. All his major orchestral and chamber works, starting with Triumphal Symphony and Richard III. †
10.00 Piano duets: Isabel Beyer and Harvey Dagul play Schumann Polonaises and Rheinberger's Grand Sonata. †
10.50 Ulster Orchestra: Bryden *Thomson conducts Bax's* Tintagel and Harty's D min violin concerto. †
11.40 Songs by Chausson and de Breville. Rudd van der Meer (baritone). †
12.05 BBC Symphony Orchestra: Berlioz's Overture Roman Carnival, Chopin's piano concerto No 1. 11.00 News.
1.05 BBC Orchestra part two: Strauss's *Symphonia* Domestica. †
2.00 Music Weekly. Homage to Bach via Brahms's Fourth Symph, and *Smetana's life and music. (r)* †
2.50 New records: Handel's The King Shall Rejoice, with choir of Westminster Abbey, and Brahms's Piano Concerto No 2, played by Vladimir Ashkenazy. †
4.00 Die Zauberflote: Mozart's opera, sung in German. Tom Koopman conducts the Amsterdam Baroque Orch. Guy de Mey (Tamino), Marjanne Kweksilber (Pamina), Isabelle Poulenard (Queen of the Night). Act Two follows the interval reading, which is at 5.05. †
6.30 Music for Organ. Christopher Dearnley, ending with Lefebure-Wely's Sortie in E flat. †
7.05 Borodin Piano Trio. Beethoven's Kakadu Variations, Brahms's Trio Op 8. †
8.05 BBC Philharmonic Concert: Arleen Auger (soprano). Webern's Passacaglia Op 1, Haydn's Scena di Berenice, and after the interval reading, which is at 8.30, Mahler's Symph No 5 †
10.00 Light in Distant Rooms: First of four compilations of Indian poetry presented by Prabhu Guptara, read in the original, including in Hindi, Urdu, Sanskrit and Tamil. †
10.30 Jazz Today: featuring In Cahoots. †
11.15 News. *Until 11.18.*
VHF ONLY – OPEN UNIVERSITY: 6.35-6.55am Music and Words. 11.20-12.00am 11.20 First Order Response. 11.40 Technology: National Power.

Radio 2

News on the hour until 2.00pm and then from 6.00. Major bulletins: 7.00am, 8.00 and 12.00 midnight. News headlines: 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 (mf/mw). 4.00am Bill Rennells. † 5.30 Ray Moore †incl. 6.15 Pause for Thought. 7.30 Terry Wogan †incl. 8.31 Racing Bulletin. 8.45 Pause for Thought. 10.00 David Hamilton. † 12.00pm Steve Jones †incl. 1.02 Sports Desk. 2.00 Sport On 2 Special: Snooker: Reports from Sheffield on the final of the Embassy World Championship. Rugby League: Commentary on the Premiership semi-final. Racing from Haydock Park: 3.10 Tia Maria Hurdle, plus football and County Cricket. 5.00 Sports Report. 5.45 Classified racing results. 5.50 Pools news and results. 6.00 John Dunn †(stereo from 7.00) incl. 7.30 Cricket Scores. 8.00 Alan Dell with Dance Band Days and Big Band Era. † 9.00 Humphrey Lyttelton with The Best of Jazz. † 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00am Space Force. A series of six programmes 5: Threshold of the Stars. 10.25 Star Sound with Nick Jackson and soundtrack requests. 11.00 B. A. Robertson presents Round Midnight (†from midnight). 1.00am Charles Nove presents Nightride. † 3.00-4.00 Folk on 2 with Jim Lloyd. †

Radio 1

News on the half-hour from 6.30am until *9.30pm and at 12.00 midnight (mf/mw).* 6.00am Mark Page. 8.00 Adrian John. 10.00 Simon Bates, incl. 12.30 Newsbeat. 1.00 Teddy Bears' Picnic. † *3.00 The Classiest Gary Davies Show on* Radio. † 5.00 Janice Long, incl. 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.00 David Jensen. 10.00-12.00 John Peel. † VHF Radios 1 and 2 *4.00am With Radio 2. 1.00pm With* Radio 1. 7.00 With Radio 2. 10.00 With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00 With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am Newsdesk. 6.30 Baker's Half Dozen. 7.00 World News. 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Sarah and Company. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Villette. 8.30 Anything Goes. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 Waveguide. 9.25 Good Books. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 Music Now. *10.15 The Future of Work. 11.00 World News.* 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 An Ice Cream War. 11.30 Omnibus. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Brain of Britain 1984. 12.45 Sports *Round-up. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four* Hours. 1.30 A Digance Indulgence. 1.45 Too Many People. 2.30 Pageant of the Past. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Outlook. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Iberia, Iberia. 4.30 The Future of Work. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Sports International. 9.00 London Royal. 9.15 An Ice-Cream War. 9.30 Counterpoint. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today. 10.25 Book Choice 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Iberia, *Iberia. 11.30 Brain of Britain 1984. 12.00 World* News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Too Many People. 1.15 Outlook. 1.45 Such Sweet Harmony 2.00 *World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press* 2.15 London Royal. 2.30 Sports International. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 John Peel. 4.45 Financial News 4.55 Reflections. 5.00 World News. 5.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 5.45 The World Today. (All times in GMT)

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN.
† Stereo. ★Black and white. (r) Repeat.



Coral Browne and Alan Bates in An Englishman Abroad (BBC1, 9.40pm)

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; Radio 2: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m: VHF -90-92.5; Radio 4: 200kHz 1500m: VHF -92-95; LBC 1152kHz/261m; VHF 97.3; Capital: 1548kHz/194m: VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m: VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m.

BBC 1 Wales: 6.0-6.5 Wales Today 11.55 Weather, News of Wales headlines. Close. Scotland: 9.20-10.15 am World of Disney 6.0-6.5pm Evening News 11.55 Weather, Scottish news summary. Close. Northern Ireland: 12.30-5.5pm As BBC 1 *Grandstand except: 1.55-2.40 Belfast* City Marathon. 6.0-6.5 Northern Ireland News 11.55 Weather, Northern Ireland news headlines, Close. England: 12.0 *midnight Close.*

S4C Starts 2.20pm Can Y Plbydd. 2.35 Interval. 2.30 Film: The *Silent Enemy. Frogmen plan to sink* Italian ships preparing to invade North Africa in 1941. 4.25 Pictiwrs Bach. 4.35 Helfa Drysor. 5.05 Barriers. 5.35 Avengers. *6.30 Pwy Sy'n Perthyn? 7.00* Newddion Saith. 7.10 Will Six. 8.00 Upstairs, Downstairs. 9.00 Fe Sgritennais I Hon. 9.40 Y Byd Ar Bedwar. 10.10 Snwcer. 11.30 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 11.30pm Hill *Street Blues. 12.30am Company.* Closedown.

REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

GRAMPIAN As London except 9.25am First Thing. 9.30-10.25 Sesame Street. 10.30pm Film: Puppet on a Chain (Sven-Bertil Taube). 12.30am News. 12.35 Closedown

GRANADA *As London except* 10.30PM The Sweeney (John Thaw). 11.30 Star Parade: Irene and Jos. 12.30am Closedown.

TSW As London except 5.10pm Emmerdale Farm. 5.40 Film: *Disappearance of Flight 412 (Glen Ford)* UFO mystery. 10.30 Postcript. 10.35 Film: Casino Royale (Peter Sellers). 12.51am Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 11.30pm Hill Street Blues *An officer is gunned down for no* apparent reason. 12.30am Closedown.

BORDER As London except: 10.30pm Crown Green Bowls: Midland Bank British Open Pairs Tournament. 11.15 The Sweeney. 12.15pm Closedown.

ULSTER As London except: 5.00pm-5.05 Ulster News. 10.30 Prayer for the Province: Mrs Jane Prior, wife of the Northern Ireland Secretary of State. 10.45 Hill Street *Blues. 11.40 News, Closedown.*

TYNE TEES As London except: 11.30pm Film: Colour *Him Dead. Mystery of an eccentric* millionaire and the husband and wife team hired to protect him. 1.00am Have a Heart. Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 10.30pm In Exile: Jersey, the tax haven. 11.00 Hill Street Blues. *12.00 All Kinds of Country. 12.30am One* Plus Two. Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 5.10pm-7.00 Film: Demetrius and the Gladiators (Victor Mature). 10.30 Contrasts. 11.15 Ice Hockey. 11.55 Contact. 12.10 Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 9.25am Space 1999. 10.20-10.25 Puffin's Pla(i)ce. 5.10 Emmerdale Farm. 5.40-7.00 Film: *Disappearance of Flight 412. (Glen* Ford). 10.30 Hymn writers. 10.35 Film: Casino Royale (Peter Sellers). 12.50 Closedown.

HTV As London except: 11.30pm 25th Anniversary of the Marquee. 12.30am Closedown. *HTV WALES: No variation.*

SCOTTISH As London except: 10.45am-10.55 Abbott *& Costello. 12.25pm-12.30 News. 5.10* Emmerdale Farm. 5.40 Laurel and Hardy*. 6.00 Scotland Today. 6.30 Hear, Here. 6.45-7.00 Crime Desk. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Mysteries of Edgar Wallace*. 12.30am Closedown.

Entertainments

New Tory MPs 'pick' their next leader

Tebbit is top choice as Thatcher's successor

By Our Political Correspondent

The new intake of Conservative MPs believe that Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, would be the most suitable successor if Mrs Margaret Thatcher *unexpectedly* ceased to be Prime Minister.

But Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister for Health, has emerged as the most-favoured long-distance runner to take over if Mrs Thatcher remains in charge, as she has promised, beyond the next election.

A poll of 87 of the 102 Conservative MPs who entered the Commons last year, in which they were asked for three *preferences for succession*, failed to give Mr Tebbit an outright majority, but he received 63 per cent support to Mr Michael Heseltine's 37 per cent when other contenders were eliminated.

Of those questioned, 32 (45 per cent) preferred Mr Tebbit, aged 53; 15 (21 per cent) Mr Heseltine, aged 51, Secretary of State for Defence; 11 (15 per cent) Mr Tom King, aged 50, Secretary of State for Employment; 4 (6 per cent) Sir Geoffrey Howe, aged 57, Foreign Secretary; and 4 (6 per cent) Mr Peter Walker, aged 52, Secretary of State for Energy.

Two backbenchers, Mr Francis Pym, aged 62, and Mr Cecil Parkinson, aged 52, and Mr Leon Brittan, aged 44, Home Secretary, Mr James Prior, aged 56, Secretary of *State for Northern Ireland, and* Mrs Clarke were each preferred by one MP. Altogether, 16 MPs could not, or would not, give a preference.

Second and third preferences, *redistributed to Mr Tebbit and* Mr Heseltine, gave Mr Tebbit five more votes from Mr King's supporters, and three more from Sir Geoffrey's.

Mr Heseltine received four more votes from Mr King's supporters, four from Mr Walker's and one from Sir Geoffrey's.

One third of those mentioned a next-generation leader opted for Mr Clarke. Other mentioned by more than one MP were: Mr Kenneth Baker, aged 49, Minister for Information Technology, Mr *Norman* Fowler, aged 46, Secretary of State for Social Services, Mr Ian Gow, aged 47, Minister for Housing and Construction, Mr Mr John Moore, aged 46, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and Mr George Younger, aged 52, Secretary of State for Scotland.

Mrs Thatcher is 58, and some MPs said that they would respond only if it was emphasized that they would be *horrified if the Prime Minister* "went under a bus".

But there were other who said, only partly in jest, that



Mr Kenneth Clarke: long term prospect?

they would back "the bus driver" for the leadership.

One MP, after a long comment in which he spoke of the party "changing gear" if Mrs Thatcher went, added as an afterthought: "And I wouldn't burst into tears if it happened".

Nevertheless, there was a calculation about the responses which tended to put personal and electoral qualitities before political attitude.

A dozen MPs who preferred Mr Tebbit gave Mr Heseltine as second preference, and eight who preferred Mr Heseltine gave Mr Tebbit as second choice. Mr King receives his support from those who feel that, in addition to his personal ability, he would not arouse the right-left, dry-wet frictions of a *Tebbit-Heseltine ticket.*

Mr Tebbit loses support because of his "abrasiveness", "crudity", "devastating insensitivity", and "cold calculation".

One MP even said: "We can't have someone who hangs by his feet in the evenings". However, he has impressed new MPs with his personal touch: he has been assiduous in cultivating backbenchers and there is a view that "while Norman makes you *feel you have got something to* say, Michael can pass you by without so much as a nod".

Another MP said: "There's only one constituency, that is us, and there is only one job, the top job, and yet many of them haven't learnt the most fundamental lesson; you can't ignore voters and expect them to turn out for you."

Mr Tebbit's qualities so impressed some MPs that they *refused to give other preferences*. He is seen as a man who would continue Mrs Thatcher's policies

One of his supporters said: "He appeals to that element of *the electorate*, the working class Tory vote, which we have to have to win an election."

Although Mr Heseltine scores as an orator, and as an extremely able departmental minister, there are doubts about his politics. One sceptic said: "There is uncertainty as to how deep-rooted Michael's wetness is."

As for Mr Clarke, there is high praise from many: "Good performer at dispatch box", "a mixture of disarming charm and ability", "certain degree of radicalism".

One MP said: "He is a very popular successful minister. He has the ability to walk through minefields without exploding too many mines en route."

Mondale romps home in Texas

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Maryland, North Carolina and Indiana select 368 delegates. Colorado, Mr Hart's home state, will select 43 delegates in caucuses tonight

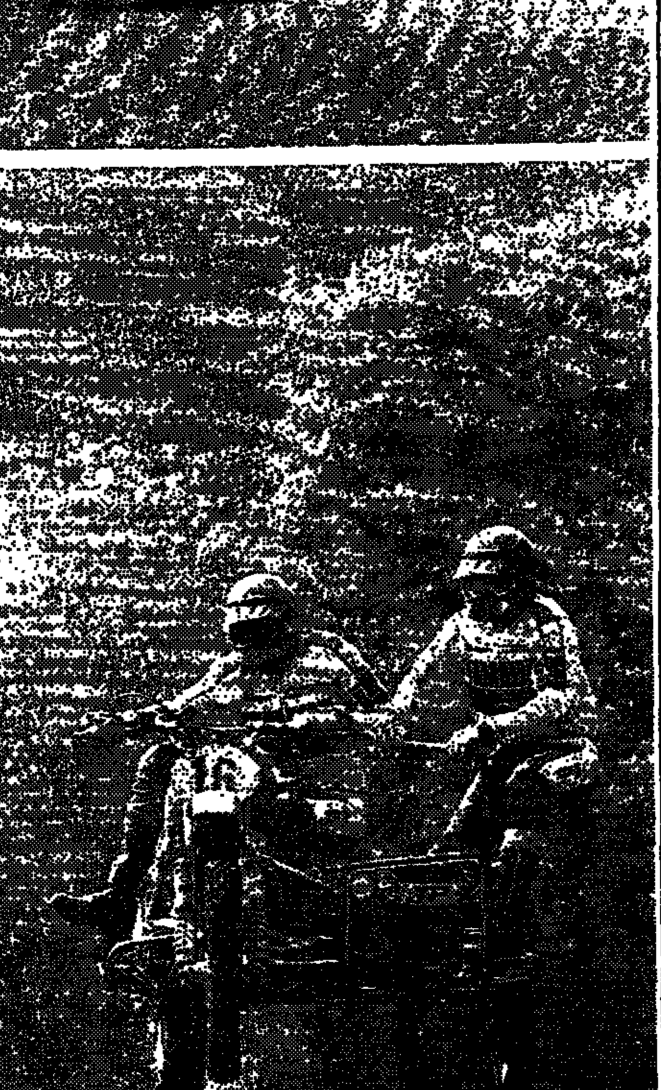
In Texas, Mr Mondale captured the overwhelming support of Mexican Americans, who make up more than 20 per cent of the population. Mr Hart left Texas at the end of the week, but Mr Mondale continued travelling the impoverished Rio Grande valley, courting Hispanic votes. One of his biggest weekend rallies was in Laredo.

"Here in Laredo and down this valley, unemployment levels are sinfully high."

Voter turn-out in the Texas caucuses was a fraction of those eligible – perhaps 100,000 people in a state of several million registered Democrats. In Louisiana, too, only 16 per cent of eligible voters participated.

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Minority motor sport, off-road and on



A 1927 Austin van (above) in the London to Brighton run yesterday of the Historic Commercial Vehicle Society, and competitors *(right) in the British side*-car motocross grand prix at Frome, Somerset. The seven horse-power van was found as a derelict chassis in 1981, restored and fitted with replica bodywork. It is used regularly by its owner for grocery deliveries in villages to the east of Cambridge. About 180 vehicles took part in the fifty-mile run to Brighton, including vans, lorries, single and double deck buses, steam wagons, *steam road locomotives, fire* engines, military vehicles and taxis. The motocross event, over a tortuous 1.6 mile course constructed on the site of a disused quarry, attracted 40 competitors. (Photographs: Harry Kerr, historic vehicles, and Norman Lomax, motocross).

Test-tube births dispute

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pregnancy. "It has been our policy to restrict the number to three, and that will continue to be our policy," he said. "To put back more is bordering on the unethical."

Mr Steptoe has supervised the birth of 201 test-tube babies from 402 pregnancies. "We have the greatest experience and all our data indicates that there is a significant incidence of multiple pregnanbcies resulting from the implantation of more than three embryos.

"A great deal needs to be known about the hazards involved and until it is known we should be going forward very cautiously and not recklessly."

Mr Winston said: "Mr Steptoe and Mr Edwards are out on a limb. They are the only major group in the world I know of who transfer only three embryos. Five or more have been replaced on at least 40 occasions and there have been only two sets of quadraplets resulting, of which ours is the second.

"There are other groups which have contributed more to the scientific field than Bourn Hall. We at Hammersmith are the major infertility clinic in Europe."

Intense rivalry exists internationally among *in-vitro* fertilization units, and deep divisions have existed for some time among British teams over the multiple births question.

Mr Steptoe said: "The impact on a woman in her 30s of having three or four babies *all at once is very serious.*"

Mrs Smale's babies were delivered two months prematurely by Caesarian section and weighed between 2lb 10oz and 4lb.

No politics in the main poll of the year

From Roger Boyes Warsaw

For most Polish believers the wages of sin is death. And for many Catholic priests, thundering from their parish pulpits, one of the worst sins is Mrs Julia Morley's Miss World contest.

It was, therefore, with some relief that the Polish organizers managed to field more than 40 girls willing to fight it out last weekend to be the Warsaw Pact contender for the Miss World title. On the platform of a hall normally associated with Communist Party congresses, the incumbent Miss World, the former Miss Wimbourne Sarah Jane Hutt, gave the sealing kiss to the lucky Polish girl and Mrs Morley did the *talking*.

"We don't want to get involved with politics", she said before the contest, "that's not our line at all." No meeting then with Mr Lech Walesa, The outlawed Solidarity leader.

Many provincial contenders had been scared off by the promised wrath of their parish priests, or by their God-fearing parents. The exposure of flesh for worldly gain, the visit to the sinful metropolis of Warsaw, even London – all this weighed heavily in the sermons. Miss Torun (a town in western Poland) was chosen without any competitors and in this respect resembles the candidates for local council elections next month, one of whom recently received a letter announcing his selection as a candidate and then asked him to find potential rivals.

"These are the most important elections this year" quipped one of the cabaret artists during the Miss Poland contest. Even if Gary Hart and Ronald Reagan do not fully agree, one saw his point.

The prizes resembled an obscure political joke. The winner received a Polski Fiat (virtually immobile because of the petrol crisis) and a week's holiday in a capitalist country. The runner-up received a videotape of the contest (she has no video) and two weeks' holiday in the communist country of her choice.

Mrs Morley who last year complained that the bathing suits were too skimpy, seemed well satisfied with the newest recruit to the London contest. The winner Magdalena Jaworska, a student, says she is interested in "people, the secrets of existence, mathematics, physics and her dog".

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions

Russell Sedgfield; photographer; Salisbury and South Wiltshire Museum, King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury; Mon to Sat 10 to 4 closed Sun, (until May 26).

Work by Gregor M. Smith, Lillie Art Gallery, Station Rd, Milngavie, Strathclyde; Tues to Fri 11 to 5, and 7 to 9, Sat, Sun 2 to 5, closed Mon, (until May 26).

And What Did You Do At School Today?; Chelmsford & Essex Museum, Oaklands Park, Moulsham St, Chelmsford; Mon to Sat 10 *to 5, Sun 2 to 5. (until June 3).*

A Cornish Flower Garden - Cornish Artists Exhibition; Falmouth Art Gallery; Mon to Fri 10 to 1 & 2 to 4.30, closed Sat & Sun, (until May 31).

Exhibitions in progress

Institute of Architects exhibitions; Central Library, Wellgate, Dundee; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 7, Sat 9.30 to 5, closed Sun, (until May 26).

Music

Organ recital by Adrian Lucas, Norwich Cathedral, 11.00.

Organ recital by Philip Tordoff, St Bartholomew's Church, Armley, Leeds, 8.

Organ recital by Thomas Trotter, Coventry Cathedral, 1.05.

Concert by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.

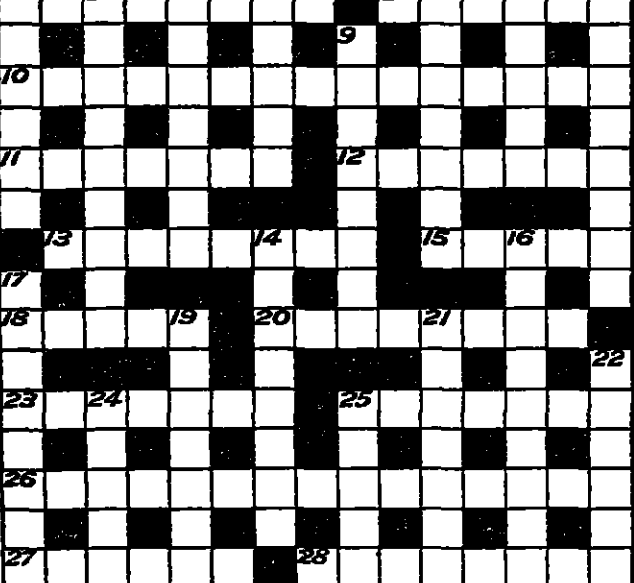
General

Annual Fete and Open Day, Queen Elizabeth's Hospital, Bristol, 12 to 4.30.

May Fair: Stalls entertainments and dancing, Redland Green, Bristol, 2 to 6.

Medieval May Day, Pleshey, Chelmsford, Essex, from 11.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,423



ACROSS

1 General drudge for the Kennel Club? (8).
5 Climbed like a fish (6).
10 Milton's tragedy finally brought the house down (6,9).
11 Chap after Matilda a tramp – or a burglar? (7).
12 Eastern king receives no lady from Aquitaine (7).
13 *Unusual toil in which Harte* produced book of opera (8).
15 Early settler here, right in the corner of the square (5).
18 Allow many into opening of mine (5).
20 Writer's sources here of various kinds, including colour (8).
23 Hardy Oak bore a divine message (7).
25 Its house occupied by Israelites in Egypt (7).
26 Treacherous type of rat has seen kings ruined (5,2,3,5).
27 Funny thing about the tree in Knox's deserted quad? (6).
28 These swine a danger out east (8).

DOWN

1 Stop religious believer imprisoning saint (6).
2 Boxer Corbett said to train here shortly (9).
3 Amelia's mistake in fashion? (7).
4 Games so indecisive, as lots are (5).
6 Fancy putting him in care anyway! (7).
7 Language not quite dead in ceremonial use (5).
8 Prudent to be separate, say (8).
9 Time thereby taken by rosebud-gatherers? (8).
14 First to rise – not second – fish is fooling (8).
16 Gentleman's first in position outside a flash pub (3,6).
17 This sea has fuel, thus supporting rising artists (8).
19 Spear I had thrust in the river (7).
21 Figurine of jade discovered in old Irish hill (7).
22 A term *for a man of property?* On the contrary (6).
24 Trimming assistance in support of certain transport (5).
25 Tea he found consumed by a snake (5).

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16,422 will appear next Saturday

CONCISE CROSSWORD PAGE 8

The week's walks

TODAY: The London of Charles Dickens, meet Holborn Tube, 10.30. London's palaces, meet Embankment Tube, 2. The Wonderful World of Charles Dickens, meet Holborn Tube, 11. The Great Charles Dickens Mystery Tour, meet St Paul's Tube, 11. London's Ghosts, Alleys and Oddities, meet Embankment Tube, 2.30. Legal and Illegal London, meet Holborn Tube, 11. A London Village, Hampstead, meet Hampstead Tube, 2. The Famous Square Mile, 2,000 years of History, meet St Paul's Tube, 2. An Historic Pub Walk, Covent Garden, meet Covent Garden Tube, 7.30.

TOMRROW: In the Footsteps of Sherlock Holmes, meet Covent Garden Tube, 11. Westminster and Parliament Sq, meet Westminster Tube, 2. Haunted London – A Ghost Walk, meet Covent Garden Tube, 7.30. Riverside Pubs, Prisons and Hidden Paths, meet St Paul's Tube, 7.30. Westminster, 1,000 years of History, meet Westminster Tube, 11. Inside the London of Shakespeare and Pepys, meet Temple Tube, 2. A London Village, Chelsea, meet Sloane Sq Tube, 7.30. Mysterious Interiors of Hidden London, meet Holborn Tube, Kingsway exit, 9.50.

WEDNESDAY: Streets paved with Gold, meet Bank Tube, Royal exchange exit, 2. Legal Pub Walk, meet St Paul's Tube, 7. Best of Britain Pubs Night, meet Bond St Tube, 7.30. Life in Medieval London, meet outside the Museum of London, 2.30. A Journey through Dickens' London, meet Embankment *Tube, 11. Legal London*, inside Law Courts, meet Holborn Tube, 2. Mysterious Interiors of Hidden London, meet Holborn Tube, Kingsway exit, 9.50.

THURSDAY: Legal London, meet St Paul's Tube, 2. Georgean *London, inside two 18th century* homes, meet Holborn Tube, 2. Mysterious Interiors of Hidden London, meet Holborn Tube, 9.50.

FRIDAY: Lawyers' London, meet Temple Tube, 10.30. Streets Paved with Gold. Meet Fenchurch St main line station, 11. Walk the Roman Wall, meet outside the Museum of London, 2.30. Shakespeare's London, Meet St Paul's Tube, 11. An Historic Pub Walk, Dickens' Hostelries, meet St Paul's Tube, 7.30.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly Premium Bond draw are: £100,000 **23RS 451165** (winner lives in Hertfordshire): £50,000 **7MW 917041** (Cardiff), £25,000 **9EB 815501** (Gloucestershire).

Nature notes

Nightingales are back in South-east England: only a few venture outside that region, mainly along the river valleys. They sing by night and day. Reed-warblers are back: they climb nimbly up and down the reed stems. Mallard ducklings are growing large, but for two months they keep close to their mother on the water; the drake takes scarcely any interest in them. Teal have left the lakes and estuaries and are beginning to nest in the sprouting heather; like most ducks and geese, they line their nests with soft down from their own breasts.

After a slow start, the leaves on the trees have opened rapidly in the sun, and are now more advanced than they were this time last year. Young beech-leaves are a brilliant green, and the pink bud-shards fill the air in the beechwoods when the wind blows. On the oaks, leaves and catkins are a light yellow-green. Primroses and wood-violets are flowering side by side in the glades, where speckled wood butterflies are also on the wing: these butterflies spend the winter either as caterpillars or chrysalids, and it is the newly emerged adults that are now appearing.

DJM

Anniversaries

Births: **David Hume** (old style April 26), philosopher and historian, Edinburgh, 1711; **Robert Browning**, London, 1812; **Richard Norman Shaw**, architect, Edinburgh, 1831; **Johannes Brahms**, Hamburg, 1833; **Archibald Philip Primrose**, 5th earl of Rosebery, prime minister 1894-95, London, 1847; **Sir Rabindranath Tagore**, poet, Nobel laureate 1913, Calcutta, 1861; **Archibald Macleish**, poet, Glencoe, Illinois, 1892; **Marshal Tito**, president of Yugoslavia 1953-80, Kumrovec, 1892.

Deaths: **Thomas Barnes**, editor of *The Times* 1817-41, London, 1841; **Henry Peter Brougham**, 1st baron Brougham and Vaux, Lord Chancellor, 1830-34, Cannes, 1868; **James Nasmyth**, inventor of the steam hammer, London, 1890; **George Lansbury**, leader of the Labour Party 1931-35, London 1940; **Sir James Frazer**, anthropologist, author of the *Golden Bough*, Cambridge, 1941.

SS Lusitania was sunk by a German submarine with 1,198 lives lost, 1915. North Vietnamese forces captured Dien Bien Phu from the French, 1954.

The papers

The Daily Mirror says "It is typical of this government that it expelled a young Asian widow and her daughter on the same day as Mrs Thatcher invited the leader of racist South Africa to lunch at No 10. The invitation to Mr Botha shows that our Prime Minister cares little for opinion abroad and less about race relations at home". It adds: "Inviting Mr Botha is offensive to every coloured person in Britain. And so is the way that Afia Begum and her daughter have been treated. Her expulsion makes one thing clear at least. Mrs Thatcher's Government needs no tips from Mr Botha on how to behave disgracefully".

Roads

London and South-east: A308: Staines Road East, Sunbury, eastwards from Batavia Road to Spelthorne Boundary, reduced width. **A400:** Camden Town, off side lane occupied along Camden High Street at the junction with Greenland Road. **A40:** Western Avenue between Grand Union Canal and Oldfield Ave, widening at junction with Long Drive, nearside lane restrictions both carriageways.

Midlands: A34: Stone, Newcastle at Strongfold, contraflow. **A38:** All traffic sharing the southbound carriageway between the Watchorn Island (A61 junction) at Alfreton and the M1 roundabout at junction 28 near Matlock, Derbyshire. **M1:** Contraflow between junctions 16 and 18 (Watford Gap, M45 junction), serious delays.

North: M62: (West Yorks) resurfacing work between junction 26 (Nottingham) and junction 27 (Hucknall). **A19:** (North Yorkshire) 10-mile stretch in vicinity of Thirsk by-pass repainting of 14 bridges, contraflow, delays.

Wales and West: A38: (Cornwall) Saltash-Liskeard at Trerulefoot, improvement work. **A303:** Ilchester, to Wincanton Road, traffic restrictions west of Sparkford. **A470:** (South Glamorgan) Cardiff to Merthyr Road at North Road Flyover in Cardiff, bridge repairs, lane closures.

Scotland: M80: (Stirling) north bound carrigeway closed at M9 (junction 9), resurfacing work, diversion operates via slip roads. **M9:** (Stirling) north bound carriageway closed between junction 9 and A811 overbridge for resurfacing, two-way traffic on south bound carriageway.

Italian crackdown

Motorists touring Italy without a left hand rear window mirror on their vehicles are being fined by the Italian authorities. More expense: Motorway tolls in Italy have been increased by between 16 and 17 per cent.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.59	1.51
Austria Sch	28.15	26.55
Belgium Fr	82.00	78.00
Canada $	1.87	1.80
Denmark Kr	14.50	13.80
Finland Mkk	8.41	8.01
France Fr	12.81	11.58
Germany DM	3.94	3.76
Greece Dr	156.00	146.00
Hongkong $	11.40	10.80
Italy Lira	2435.00	2335.00
Japan Yen	333.00	317.00
Netherlands Gld	4.47	4.25
Norway Kr	11.35	10.75
Portugal Esc	200.00	190.00
South Africa Rd	2.13	1.97
Spain Pta	218.00	207.00
Sweden Kr	11.75	11.15
Switzerland Fr	3.29	3.12
USA $	1.45	1.40
Yugoslavia Dnr	205.00	185.00
Ireland	1.29	1.23

Retail Price Index: 345.1.

London: The *FT* index closed down 7.4 on Friday at 915.4.

New York: The Dow Jones *industrial* average closed down 16.22 on Friday at 1165.31.

Weather

An anticyclone will remain almost stationary to the NW of Britain.

6am to midnight

London, Cen S, Cen N England, Midlands: Cloudy at first, sunny intervals developing, wind NE moderate or fresh, max temp 16C (61F).

SE, E England, E Anglia, Channel Islands: Mostly dry, cloudy, bright intervals inland, wind NE moderate or fresh, max temp 14C (57F).

SW England, S Wales: Sunny periods, perhaps an isolated shower later, wind NE moderate, max temp 16C (61F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man: Mostly dry, sunny periods after early mist, wind NE, light or moderate, max temp 16C (61F).

NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen: Mostly dry, rather cloudy near some coasts, sunny intervals inland, wind N moderate, max temp 13C (55F).

SW, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Cen Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Dry, sunny periods, wind variable light, max temp 13C (55F).

Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Mostly dry, rather cloudy especially near coasts, some bright intervals, wind NW or N light or moderate, max temp 10C (50F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Mostly dry with some sunshine, rather cold in the E.

SEA PASSAGES: North Sea: Wind north fresh or strong, showers, visibility good, Sea moderate or rough. **Strait of Dover:** wind strong, weather mainly fair, visibility goood, sea rough. **English Channel (E):** Wind strong or gale, weather fair but rain in South at first, visibility good but moderate in South at first, sea rough. **St George's Channel, Irish Sea:** Wind NE moderate or fresh, weather fair, visibility good, sea moderate.

Sun rises: 5.22 am **Sun sets:** 8.34 pm
Moon sets: 2.24 am **Moon rises:** 10.09 am
First Quarter: Tomorrow.

Lighting-up time

London 9.04 pm to 4.50 am
Bristol 9.13 pm to 5.00 am
Edinburgh 9.34 pm to 4.44 am
Manchester 9.20 pm to 4.50 am
Penzance 9.21 pm to 5.16 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

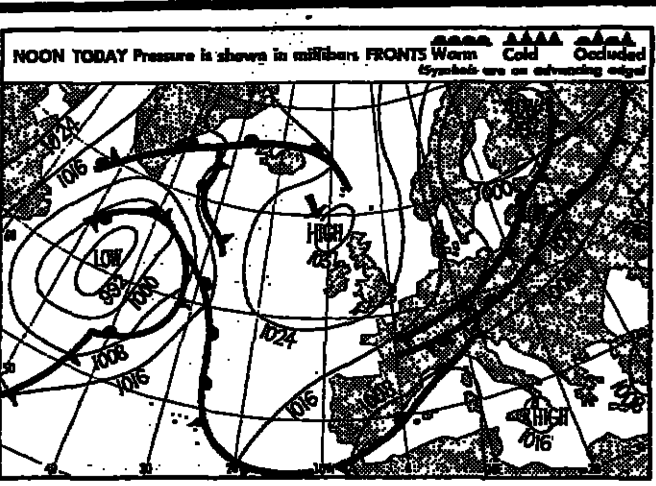
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Belfast	c	10	50	Guernsey	r	9	48
Birmingham	c	10	50	Inverness	c	8	46
Blackpool	c	12	54	Jersey	r	9	48
Bristol	c	10	50	London	c	10	50
Cardiff	c	10	50	Manchester	c	11	52
Edinburgh	c	9	48	Newcastle	c	8	46
Glasgow	c	9	48	Ronaldsway	c	10	50

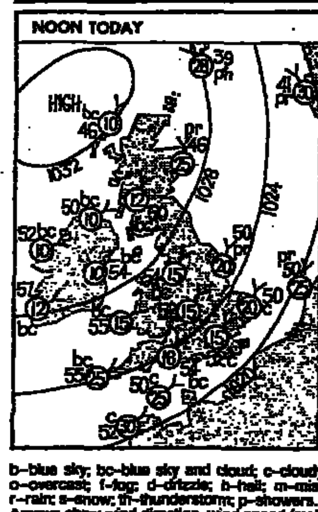
London

Saturday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 64 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 3.2hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1015.6 millibars, steady.

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 12C (54F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Humidity: 6 pm, 59 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, A trace. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.1hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1019.7 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

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b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

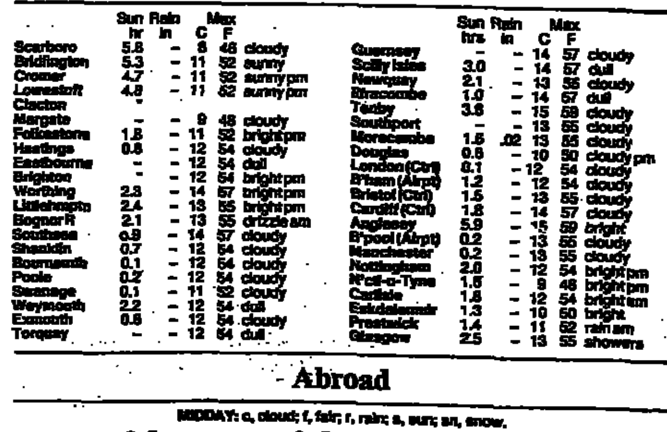
High tides

TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	6.34	6.6	6.51	6.2
Aberdeen	6.08	3.6	7.01	3.5
Avonmouth			12.04	10.6
Belfast	3.53	3.2	4.27	2.9
Cardiff	11.49	9.9		
Devonport	10.18	4.5	10.41	4.7
Dover	3.23	5.7	4.05	5.7
Falmouth	9.48	4.3	10.11	4.5
Glasgow	5.19	4.5	5.59	4.1
Harwich	4.34	3.7	5.01	3.5
Holyhead	2.57	4.9	3.37	4.6
Hull	11.08	6.2	11.45	6.2
Ilfracombe	10.50	7.5	11.14	7.5
Leith	7.34	4.7	8.11	4.7
Liverpool	3.46	8.2	4.24	7.9
Lowestoft	2.19	2.2	2.17	2.2
Margate	4.38	4.4	5.02	4.2
Milford Haven	11.09	5.7	11.34	5.7
Newquay	10.04	5.8	10.30	5.8
Oban	10.32	3.0	10.43	3.1
Penzance	9.27	4.5	9.51	4.7
Portland	11.30	1.4	11.45	1.5
Portsmouth	4.03	4.0	4.45	4.0
Shoreham	3.40	5.3	4.19	5.3
Southampton	3.32	4.0	4.19	3.9
Swansea	11.13	7.9	11.38	7.8
Tees	8.37	4.6	9.23	4.4
Walton-on-Naze	4.22	3.9	4.43	3.7

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain



	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	5.8	–	8	46	cloudy	Guernsey	–	–	14	57	cloudy
Bridlington	5.3	–	11	52	sunny	Scilly Isles	3.0	–	14	57	dull
Cromer	4.7	–	11	52	sunny pm	Newquay	2.1	–	13	55	cloudy
Lowestoft	4.8	–	11	52	sunny pm	Ilfracombe	1.0	–	14	57	dull
Clacton	-					Tenby	3.6	–	15	59	cloudy
Margate	–	–	9	48	cloudy	Southport	–	–	13	55	cloudy
Folkestone	1.8	–	11	52	bright pm	Morecambe	1.5	.02	13	55	cloudy
Hastings	0.8	–	12	54	cloudy	Douglas	0.6	–	10	50	cloudy pm
Eastbourne	–	–	12	54	dull	London (Ctr)	0.1	–	12	54	cloudy
Brighton	-	–	12	54	bright pm	B'ham (Airpt)	1.2	–	12	54	cloudy
Worthing	2.3	–	14	57	bright pm	Bristol (Ctr)	1.5	–	13	55	cloudy
Littlehmptn	2.4	–	13	55	bright pm	Cardiff (Ctr)	1.8	–	14	57	cloudy
Bognor R	2.1	–	13	55	drizzle am	Anglesey	5.9	–	15	59	bright
Southsea	0.9	–	14	57	cloudy	B'pool (Airpt)	0.2	–	13	55	cloudy
Shanklin	0.7	–	12	54	cloudy	Manchester	0.2	–	13	55	cloudy
Bournemouth	0.1	–	12	54	cloudy	Nottingham	2.0	–	12	54	bright pm
Poole	0.2	–	12	54	cloudy	N'cstl-o-Tyne	1.5	–	9	48	bright pm
Swanage	0.1	–	11	52	cloudy	Carlisle	1.8	–	12	54	bright am
Weymouth	2.2	–	12	54	dull	Eskdalemuir	1.3	–	10	50	bright
Exmouth	0.6	–	12	54	cloudy	Prestwick	1.4	–	11	52	rain am
Torquay	–	–	12	54	dull	Glasgow	2.5	–	13	55	showers

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	19	66	Copenhgn	s	13	55	Majorca	c	19	66	Rio de Jan	s	27	81
Akrotiri	s	23	73	Corfu	s	22	72	Malaga	f	23	73	Rome	s	19	66
Alexandria	s	30	86	Dallas				Malta	s	24	75	Salzburg	s	23	73
Algiers	f	24	75	Dublin	c	12	54	Melbourne	s	14	57	Sao Paulo*	c	28	82
Amsterdam	c	10	50	Dubrovnik	f	19	66	Mexico C*	s	25	77	S Francisco*	f	17	63
Athens	s	22	72	Faro	c	19	66	Miami*	f	29	84	Santiago*	s	18	64
Bahrain	s	31	88	Florence	c	19	66	Milan	s	20	68	Seoul*	s	21	70
Barbados*	f	30	86	Frankfurt	f	19	66	Montreal*	r	7	45	Singapore*	f	31	88
Barcelona	f	21	70	Funchal	c	18	64	Moscow*	f	18	64	Stockholm	s	13	55
Beirut*	s	22	72	Geneva	s	18	64	Munich	s	20	68	Strasbourg	s	17	63
Belgrade	f	22	72	Gibraltar	f	20	68	Nairobi				Sydney*	r	19	66
Berlin	c	14	57	Helsinki	s	15	59	Naples	f	19	66	Tangier*	c	17	63
Bermuda*	s	24	75	Hongkong	c	23	73	New Delhi	s	39	102	Tel Aviv	s	27	81
Biarritz	c	13	55	Innsbruck	s	23	73	New York*				Tenerife	s	21	70
Boulogne	c	9	48	Istanbul	f	15	59	Nice	f	16	61	Tokyo*	c	21	70
Bordeaux	c	14	57	Jeddah	s	33	91	Oslo	f	12	54	Toronto*	c	11	52
Brussels	c	10	50	Jo'burg	s	20	68	Ottawa				Tunis	s	27	81
Budapest	f	23	73	Karachi				Paris	c	16	61	Valencia	f	20	68
Buen Aires				Las Palmas	s	21	70	Peking	s	29	84	Vancouver*	f	10	50
Cairo	s	30	86	Lisbon				Perth*	s	20	68	Venice	c	15	59
Cape Tn	r	15	59	Locarno	f	17	63	Prague	f	20	68	Vienna	s	23	73
C'blanca	f	19	66	L Angeles*	s	20	68	Reykjavik	c	7	45	Warsaw	c	20	68
Chicago*	s	13	55	Luxembourg	c	17	63	Rhodes	f	23	73	Washington			
Cologne	r	18	65	Madrid	c	14	57	Riyadh	s	37	99	Zurich	s	18	64

* denotes Friday's figures are latest available